

Confab to Set Policy In Germany Studied By Marshall, Bidault

LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 17 (AP)—Proposals for an early meeting of the American, British and French foreign ministers to discuss their future policies in Germany gained support today, French sources reported.

This word coincided with a meeting between French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault and U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall at a dinner last night given at the French embassy by Bidault for top-ranking members of the American delegation.

Informants said Bidault and Marshall began informal "exploratory" talks on merging western Germany into a single zone of occupation.

It was understood that a meeting of the American, British and French ministers had been tentatively suggested for next Jan. 15 in Washington. Bidault was reported anxious to consult his government before giving any definite answer.

In Germany political activity reached new heights as German political leaders discussed creation of a western German state with a new capital in Frankfurt.

Foreign Minister Molotov flew toward Moscow to deliver a report to Premier Stalin and the powerful politburo—a report which was expected to result in quick action in the Soviet campaign against the unification of western Germany and the Marshall plan.

These were among the first 24-hour developments that followed complete break-up of consultations in the council of foreign ministers (Continued on Page Eleven)

Driver Seriously Injured as Auto Overtakes



Demolished when it was struck by a light truck yesterday morning, a sedan driven by Samuel A. Perrucci, 413 South street, lies crushed on its roof after it was knocked off the highway at the intersection of the Linfield and Lewis roads. The truck was driven by Henry G. Troxel, Royersford. Troxel, Perrucci and Walter J. Weeny, Spring City, were injured in the crash. State Trooper Clem Seroski, of the Collegeville sub-station, is shown near the wreckage.

3 PERSONS HURT IN 2-CAR CRASH

Automobile Is Demolished In Collision With Truck At Linfield, Lewis Roads

Three persons were injured, one seriously, when a light pick-up truck collided with a car at the intersection of Linfield and Lewis roads yesterday morning.

The truck, driven by Henry G. Troxel, Royersford, was traveling west on Linfield road at 10:30 when the accident occurred. As it reached the intersection, it crashed into the side of a car driven by Samuel A. Perrucci, 413 South street, which was going north on Lewis road.

Perrucci's car was demolished by the force of the impact, which turned it over off the road. The collision forced in the whole front of the truck.

Perrucci suffered a fractured skull and jaw and shock; Walter J. Weeny, Spring City, a passenger in Perrucci's car, suffered a possible back injury and Troxel suffered an injury of the left hand and lacerations over the left eye.

They were taken to Memorial hospital in ambulances of the Good Will Fire company where they were treated by Dr. Caesar P. Sami.

State police of the Collegeville sub-station who investigated the accident said late yesterday afternoon that the investigation would be continued.

Recluse Turns Up \$926 in Assets In Probe of Strange Dog Industry

Pottstown police and SPCA officials last night went to a Berks street, dump and raided the fantastic packing-house manor of a shabbily-dressed 72-year-old recluse who said at borough hall he was broke, and then produced a small mountain of goods—including \$926 in cash—from two ancient coats and three pairs of pants.

Aaron Urr, 5 foot 2 inches tall with a rugged weatherbeaten face, also had on his possession a bank book listing one Dec. 12 deposit of \$850, indicating that he was preparing for the battle to defend his strange dog industry.

Urr was brought to borough hall on protests from the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which said he was obtaining small dogs, fattening them on garbage scavenged in early-morning raids on cans, and then selling the dogs to medical men, who cut them up for experimental purposes.

He was held for the night on the technical charge of harboring unlicensed dogs, and being an alien who owns dogs, which the SPCA says is illegal.

The raid on the packing house court, by Patrolmen Paul Galloway and Robert Scheidt and nine SPCA officials, produced four fat little dogs, two dog hides, and the story of a man who apparently lives in a soot-choked hut on oatmeal cookies and cheese.

A few hours before the raid, the recluse stood at borough hall dressed in the leather cap and jacket and baggy cloth pants typical of a Russian peasant in Napoleon's time.

In broken English, Urr explained to police that he was too broke to pay the \$250 necessary to go home to Europe, or the few dollars needed for dog licenses.

As a routine matter, Patrolman Paul Galloway led him to a cell downstairs and began a search. This is an abbreviated version of the items found on his possession: The \$926 in \$5 and \$10 bills, plus a few antique coins; seven billfolds; five pocketbooks; four key cases; one school-bag bus ticket; one dog bone joint, and three small dog collars.

In addition, he had a dozen other items, ranging from tweezers to a cigarette lighter.

But it was the dog collars that police and SPCA officials were most interested in. Urr's involvement with them began Dec. 7.

Two sons of Carl Davis, Scott street, Penn Village—Carl Jr., 13, and James, 12—went that Sunday to the dump on Berks street near Chestnut street and found a collie-like dog that had been tied to a

Philadelphia Hospital To Receive All of Fund For Nancy Ann's Care

Every cent donated to "Nancy's Christmas Fund" will go to the Philadelphia hospital which now is rehabilitating Nancy Ann Dalgleish after her 17 years of helplessness.

Nancy was helpless because she was born a spastic. She could not control her muscular movements. Once she couldn't even swallow, couldn't control the flow of saliva.

Today Nancy is able to walk a bit unassisted. She can talk. Her tremors and movements do not permit her to write, but neuro-physical specialists are confident she will be returned to near normalcy if her miraculous progress continues at the clinic.

That's why Pottstown has been generous that her future welfare seems assured.

Moreover, The Mercury was told yesterday that as a Christmas present to the kind-hearted contributors to the fund, the Philadelphia clinic will maintain Nancy without profit.

Further, there will be no medical charge!

The nationally famous specialists who are giving Nancy the benefit of their medical knowledge refused to accept any fee because of their great interest in Pottstown's most deserving case.

"Nancy certainly is worthy of the investment made in her," a great medical man said yesterday. He asked that his name not be mentioned.

Pottstown already has contributed enough to pay Nancy's back hospital bills which mounted since her admission to the clinic the past February. Now Pottstown is contributing more for her future.

Is she worthy of your investment?

Read a portion of a report from her physician:

"Nancy first learned to take off her shoes and to put them on. In all her 16 years, this had been impossible . . .

"At the end of 12 weeks, Nancy could dress herself, make her own bed and began to take steps alone. Early in the Summer, she learned to walk entirely unaided and has continued to progress so that she goes up and down stairs without assistance.

"Last week, she went to the theater for the first time, with another similarly handicapped individual, suffering from the same condition, who had been rehabilitated to photography some months before Nancy came to us.

"These two athletoids (persons afflicted with a nervous disorder marked by peculiar involuntary movements) were given tickets to a theater. So that there would be no difficulty with transportation, we supplied them with an ambulance. The pleasure that Nancy got from this experience is something that would make anyone extremely happy."

GARAGE OWNER CHARGED WITH CHECK FRAUDS

John W. Stahl is jailed in Lebanon after failure to heed call for trial.

Charged with passing two worthless checks amounting to \$7650, John W. Stahl, Fredrick, proprietor of the King street garage, Pottstown, is under arrest in the Lebanon county jail. L. E. Meyer, Lebanon county district attorney, announced yesterday.

Stahl was arrested in Pottstown on a bench warrant issued by the Lebanon county court after he twice failed to appear for trial.

According to Meyer, he was indicted by a grand jury on two counts of a single bill of indictment on Dec. 8. They were cheating by false pretenses, and making, drawing and delivering worthless checks.

The indictment charges Stahl with fraudulently obtaining the signature of George Hunsicker, Lebanon automobile dealer, to certificates of title to four cars.

In return for the certificates of title, it avers, Stahl gave Hunsicker two checks for \$8750 and \$900 drawn on the Citizens' National Bank of Pottstown when he knew he had insufficient funds in the bank to cover the checks.

Following the indictment, Stahl was released on \$10,000 bail furnished by Samuel H. Porter, 347 High street. He was listed for trial, and after being called on two separate days and failing to appear, his bail was forfeited and the warrant for his arrest issued.

Meyer said yesterday that he will be called for trial on the third Monday in March. Stahl will remain in jail until that time, he added, unless he can find someone in Lebanon county to post a substantial amount of bail.

In September, 1939, Stahl, at that time a resident of New Bernville, was convicted on four bills of indictment in Berks county for passing worthless checks. He was placed on probation for two and a half years on the first bill of indictment after paying costs amounting to \$40 and making restitution. He received suspended sentences on the remaining three bills after paying the costs.

Superfort Crash Takes Lives of 12 in Arizona

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 16 (AP)—At least 12 men were believed killed tonight when a B29 Superfortress from Davis Monthan Field here crashed and burned during takeoff. Twenty men were aboard the plane but eight were believed to have escaped.

Major D. D. Burke, public relations officer at the heavy bomber base, said in an official statement that there were "some dead and some survivors" in the crash.

"No further announcement will be made until the casualties and survivors have been identified," he said. "That will not be tonight," he added.

Patrolman Walter Sheets, of the Arizona highway patrol, said he saw eight survivors stumble from the flaming wreckage of the plane.

All the men he saw were dazed but only one appeared to be burned, the patrolman said. He said all walked unassisted.

The patrolman said he did not know if there were any additional survivors.

The plane was attached to the 49th Bomb Squadron of the Second Bomb Group and had just taken off on a routine long distance navigational training flight to Varnam Field, Jamaica, British West Indies.

Unofficial reports indicated that the four-motored plane encountered difficulty a moment or so after the takeoff, started to turn—possibly to return to the base—and burst into flames after contact with the ground.

Mrs. Mary Wanner, Former Buyer for Ellis Mills Here, Dies

Mrs. Mary A. Wanner, of 49 High street, died at her home at 8:30 o'clock last night after having been ill since the past July. She was 74.

The daughter of the late J. Montgomery and Katherine (Harp) Fillman, Mrs. Wanner was born in Pottstown and spent all her life here.

From 1900 to 1920 she was a buyer in the women's wear department of the old Dives, Pomeroy and Stewart store on High street.

After that department store ceased operating, Mrs. Wanner took a similar position in the Ellis Mills store, where she was active until her illness the past Summer.

She was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran church and of the Normal class of that church's Missionary society. Her entire life, her family said, was devoted to her work and to her church, and Mrs. Wanner had no other associations.

Her survivors include a son, Frank A. Wanner, of Avenel, N. J.; a brother, Harry Fillman, 71 Edgebrook street, a sister, Mrs. William Giberhart, 400 North Charlotte street, one granddaughter, and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held from the Emmanuel Lutheran church at 2 p. m. Friday with the Rev. Luther A. Krouse, pastor, officiating.

Interment will be in the Mt. Zion cemetery.

It Might Have Been Snow—12 Big Inches of It

The rains came and before they went yesterday morning 12 inches of water had fauceted out of the sky. A lower temperature would have resulted in approximately 12 inches of snow.

But the temperature was not lower. In fact, 4 o'clock yesterday morning saw the warmest Dec. 16 in 50 years of recorded weather history in Pottstown. The high of 56 easily topped 1942's 53.

The mercury rocketed 16 degrees to its record in four hours and dropped back the same 16 degrees in five hours.

Early this morning, however, the mercury was slithering back to its normal, icy hibernation in the low 30s.

It is due to stay down there today under a canopy of partly cloudy skies and the wind which gusty through town yesterday will slowly lessen, the old predictor vouches.

Democrats Fight to Salvage 88 Billion Foreign Aid Cut

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—House Democrats launched an eleventh hour fight late today to restore \$88,000,000 slashed by the House appropriations committee from the emergency foreign aid program.

Rep. Cannon (D-Mo) assailed the committee's scissoring of the \$97,000,000 program as "picaresque, chess-playing economy." Rep. Mahon (D-Tex), declaring that "you cannot ignore Europe and look after the best interests of the U. S. at the same time," demanded:

"Does anyone think General Marshall would be so concerned unless he had in mind the military security and the national defense of this country?"

Besides reducing the total sum asked by President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall to help France, Italy and Austria through the Winter, the appropriations committee proposed that China—included in the program at House insistence—be dealt out.

Defending the \$88,000,000 cut Rep. Keefe (R-Wis.), an appropriations committee member, said this country already has given \$409,300,000 to France, Italy and Austria since V-J Day.

"Many people in this country will suffer this Winter and will ask why must we go on and on and on," (Continued on Page Eleven)

GI Bricklayers Club Has Happy Ending; They'll Go to School

The GI Bricklayers club disbanded last night but there were no tears attending the dissolution.

Fourteen members last night signed with William O. Smith, director of the veterans school of the high school vocational department, and will be enrolled as a class as soon as their number reaches 20.

The veterans formed a club three weeks ago in an effort to get training in their chosen vocation.

Chester M. Scholl, of Porter's Mill road near Kenilworth, veteran bricklayer and contractor, whom the club had asked to be their instructor, was approached last night by Smith to fulfill the same duties under the veterans program. He said he will consider it.

The club foresees no trouble finding the necessary six men to fill their quota. Scholl said, since the president Gabriel Pien, has a list of 45, mostly GIs, who wish to join the training.

Scholl added that the final total may be more than the required 20, in which case he would need an assistant instructor under the rules of the program.

The instruction is scheduled to begin soon after the first of the year. Classes will be held five nights a week.

The young club had met three times in all at a mill owned by George H. Dunn, Coventryville.

Cafe Proprietor Charged With Game Law Offense

Lloyd A. Gross, proprietor of a cafe at 354 North Charlotte street, will appear for a hearing before a Pike county Justice of the Peace on a charge of failing to tag a black bear within the one-hour limit specified by the State game laws.

He was released by Mrs. Mary C. Lohman, Milford justice of the peace, after he paid \$25 bail the past Saturday.

The arrest was made by John H. Lohman, State game protector of Pike county, during November's Bear season.

Although bail was set by a county magistrate, the investigation was handled by the State Game commission which will set the date for a hearing, probably next month.

Senate to Hear Anti-Inflation Bill Similar to One Killed in the House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—The Senate agreed unanimously today to consider tomorrow a modified anti-inflation bill offered by Senator Taft (R-Ohio), but chances remained doubtful for full Congressional action before the special session winds up this weekend.

Taft's bill, like the one which lost out in the House yesterday, provides for "voluntary agreements" by industry to hold down the cost of living.

On the House side, Speaker Martin (R-Mass) put two "ifs" in his comment:

"We will do everything possible to put it through the House during the special session if the Senate passes it and if it arrives in the House in time."

New Contributors to 'Nancy Fund'

Previously Acknowledged	\$1587.92	Mr. & Mrs. H. B. M.	5.00
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Employees of Century Beverage Corp.	56.00	A Friend	1.00
Pottstown Junior High School	150.00	J. H. Kirby & Family	5.00
Baltzell Evangelical United Brethren church	38.50	First Shift, Maintenance Dept., Doehler-Jarvis	35.00
John F. Stamm	2.00	A Reader	1.00
Ann Marie Semet, South Pottstown	5.00	A. F. N.	1.00
Employees of Pottstown Metal Products Co.	60.00	A Friend	5.00
Ringling Rocks Skaters	33.00	Jack, Edna & Barbara	2.00
Walter J. Wolf & Son	35.00	Office Employees New England Auto Products, Inc.	35.00
Men's Bible Class of Coventry Brethren Church, Kenilworth	18.00	Charles & David Erb	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Anton Helfrich	1.00	Lorraine Kuzler	2.00
Ann Helfrich	2.00	Harvey Baiz	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rothenberger	2.00	Cub Scout	2.00
A Friend	1.00	Mr. & Mrs. Edwin W. Steel	2.00
A Friend	1.00	Jr. Boyevtown	2.00
Lillian & Jake	2.00	Asbury Park Reader	1.00
Die Casters Club	25.00	Doehler-Jarvis Parcel	7.50
No Name	3.00	Dept.	1.00
		Daughters of the King Bible Class, Seales Memorial Church	5.00
		St. James Lutheran Sunday school, Limerick	10.00
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Car Thief in Action Again As 16th Auto Disappears

After a three-day hunt, Pottstown car thief went into action again last night stealing the 16th car to go in the past few weeks. As usual, the keys were in the car.

Last night's victim was Frank E. Tison, 327 Mans avenue, street-segway was stolen between 6:30 and 9 p. m. from Edgewood and High streets.

ON THE MAIN DRAG

EUGENE NELSON — attempting to make a leap.

LOUIS MAYER — dashing off in his truck.

HAROLD MILLARD — walking outdoors without a coat.

EDITH NAGLE — inspecting some colorful dresses.

MRS. JOHN G. KENDALL — possibly taking notes of a race.

BOR JACKETT — demonstrating one of his "amphibious" machines.

RICHARD HOSFORD — repairing a broken automobile.

MARY CASPAR — stockpiling a "crazy" counter.

NANCY MANWILLER — enthusiastically listening to a dance.

HAROLD BRUNHILLER — helping out in the parking lot of family grocer.

56 Mercury 31

High Antics Low

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES

Local temperatures yesterday and today were:

4 a. m.	36	4 p. m.	43
5 a. m.	32	5 p. m.	44
6 a. m.	45	6 p. m.	45
7 a. m.	45	7 p. m.	45
8 a. m.	45	8 p. m.	45
9 a. m.	41	9 p. m.	39
10 a. m.	40	10 p. m.	39
11 a. m.	42	11 p. m.	38
12 m.	46	12 m.	37
1 p. m.	47	1 p. m.	35
2 p. m.	47	2 p. m.	32
3 p. m.	47	3 p. m.	32
4 p. m.	45	4 p. m.	31

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Blind Peddler Kills Woman: Gives Up After Suicide Fails

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16 (P)—Detective Sgt. Charles Beckman said a blind peddler fatally shot his housekeeper today and then walked four blocks through a rainstorm with the aid of a white cane to report it to police.

The vendor, William Neithamer, 37, was found on Broad street where he peddles shoe strings and pencils—also attempted to take his own life but the shot from a .38-caliber revolver went wild, Beckman added.

The detective said Neithamer was charged with homicide shortly after Mrs. Anna Austin, 47, died in St. Joseph's hospital of a bullet wound in the abdomen.

Beckman quoted the man as saying he shot the woman in his North Philadelphia apartment because of a "sudden impulse."

The peddler, a six foot, 200-pound man, said he knew of no other reason, adding:

"She was good to me." She had been his housekeeper less than three months.

Beckman gave this story of the shooting.

Mrs. Austin was in bed and propped up when Neithamer entered the bedroom about 1:10 a. m.

He got the old revolver from a bureau drawer and walked to the bed. He groped with one hand until he located Mrs. Austin, pressed the pistol against her side and pulled the trigger.

Neithamer stepped back, pointed the revolver at his head and fired again but the shot missed. He stood in the middle of the room for a minute, then headed in a driving rain for the police station at 19th and Oxford streets.

ACCEPTS PREMIER POST

TEHRAN, Iran, Dec. 16 (P)—Reza Zekmat Sardar Fakher, president of the Iranian parliament, said tonight after two days of study he would accept the premiership, succeeding Ahmed Qavam.

Columbus brought cows to America on his second voyage in 1495.

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Divorced



Mrs. Suzanne McLaglen was granted a divorce from her actor husband, Victor McLaglen, yesterday in a Fresno, Calif., court. Mrs. McLaglen charged cruelty.

Convicted Reading Man Asks for New Trial

READING, Dec. 16 (P)—Frank S. Linkowski, convicted the past week of voluntary manslaughter in the slaying of Frank Zaboznyk in the Polish Falcons' home, filed a motion for a new trial today.

Reasons set forth for a new trial by his attorney Emanuel Weiss, Linkowski claimed that the verdict was against the evidence and that several errors were committed during the course of the trial.

Pending arguments before the full court and the court's decision, Linkowski will remain in prison.

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Stricken Boy Gels Police-Led Tour Of Toyland Section

SCRANTON, Dec. 16 (P)—Ronnie Hill got an unexpected preview of Christmas today.

The nine-year-old coal miner's son, who doctors say may not live another year, toured the toylands of Scranton stores in an ambulance, escorted by a police radio car with the siren going full blast.

Ronnie, called a "grand little guy" by George E. Clark, Scranton Times reporter who supervised the tour, is a victim of "progressive muscular dystrophy"—the disease similar to that which led to the death of Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees.

The youngster's grandmother, Mrs. I. R. Samuel, wrote The Times asking if something could be done to have Santa Claus visit the bed-ridden boy.

"Until this year we have been able to carry him into the stores to talk to Santa Claus," she wrote. "This year he is too weak and helpless to handle with the Christmas crowds."

The ambulance tour was decided upon.

Stores quickly fell in line with the plan.

Ronnie was deluged with Christmas presents.

The mayor stepped in and had a gift for him, too.

Eddie Doherty, new president of the Scranton Red Sox baseball team, also contributed to Ronnie's gala day.

Doherty promised him a baseball with all the names of the Boston players inscribed on it.

Happy but tired after being carried in and out of stores by a burly policeman, Ronnie was taken back home.

"Gosh, mom," he told his mother, Mrs. Francis Hill, "I had a swell time."

TREASURY BALANCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (P)—The position of the Treasury Dec. 12: Receipts \$182,357,744.43; expenditures \$103,815,579.07; balance \$3,049,993,240.64; total debt \$237,411,212,133.13; decrease under previous day \$9,565,941.81.

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Sales Executive Dies After Auto Crash

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16 (P)—Karl A. Hildebrecht, 35-year-old sales executive of the Radio Corporation of America, Camden, N. J., and formerly a prominent business man in Lancaster, was killed today in an automobile accident.

A passenger, M. Claire Doorley, 22, of Drexel Hill, was seriously injured as the car crashed into a light standard. Hildebrecht and the

woman, whom he had offered a ride home, were returning from a company party.

Doorley was taken to a hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Hildebrecht, a resident of Ardmore, was the son of the late Charles F. Hildebrecht, restaurant proprietor who built the Hotel Hildebrecht in Trenton, N. J., in 1927.

He is survived by his widow, Virginia, and three children.

The great Kiruna iron deposits in Sweden lie north of the Arctic Circle.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16 (P)—Karl A. Hildebrecht, 35-year-old sales executive of the Radio Corporation of America, Camden, N. J., and formerly a prominent business man in Lancaster, was killed today in an automobile accident.

A passenger, M. Claire Doorley, 22, of Drexel Hill, was seriously injured as the car crashed into a light standard. Hildebrecht and the

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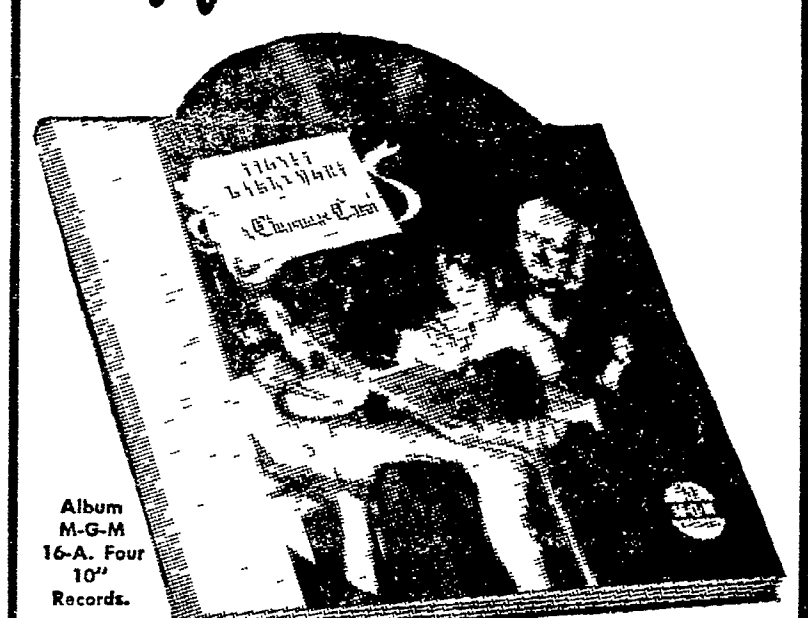
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SUPPORT HOUSING BILL
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Rep. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Javits (D-N.Y.) today introduced the bill for a national veterans housing conference to press for enactment of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner national housing bill.

ASKS CO-OPERATION
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Nis-sin Mevorah, Bulgaria's first post-war minister to the United States, appeared to the American press today to "do something" to help improve relations between the United States and Balkan countries.



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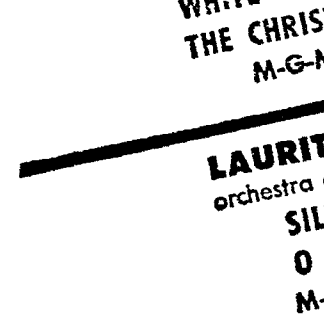
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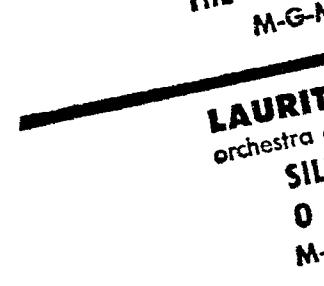
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Carefree Quintel Gets Snagged Up By Yuletide Cheer

Five happy-go-lucky boys from the Monocacy camp of the Reading Railroad company, aglow with early Christmas season cheer and well lubricated with Christmas spirits, stood waiting for trains back to Monocacy—at 3 o'clock yesterday morning.

No cares were theirs. Paid only a few days ago, they felt on top of the world until detectives of the Reading and Pennsylvania Railroad companies picked them up and called local police to let them sleep it off in the borough hall jug.

Two of the men were at the Reading station and three of them at the Pennsylvania depot, when Reading Detective George Stroup and Pennsylvania Detective Paul Anderson hauled them away.

At borough hall about 3 10 a. m. the two detectives compared notes, and the men all between 20 and 35 years old, were confined to the plush quarters of the local castle.

The five men were Samuel J. Ames, Everett Robbins, Robert T. Miller, Everett G. Miller and Donald J. Gillespie. None gave any address except the Monocacy camp.

Yesterday morning when they appeared before Justice of the Peace Charles A. Andre, of the West ward, charged with being drunk and disorderly, the "boys" were still in good shape, apparently having drunk so wisely and so well that, instead of a hangover, they acquired only a feeling of gentle mellowness.

"They were a good bunch," Andre said laughingly. "They seemed to enjoy the whole thing, but they couldn't pay their fines. Between them, they only had \$10.50."

Andre fined the workers \$5, plus \$3 costs, each, and they told him with a carefree flourish that they couldn't make it.

So, back to Monocacy they went, after promising to pay up after their next payday, Dec. 24.

Stroup warned them, "Boys, we're letting you off easy, but if you don't pay up the next time you get your wages, we're coming after you and it'll cost you just that much more."

With genuine feelings of camaraderie all around, the party broke up for the day.

Sanatoga Grange to Hold Christmas Party Tonight

Sanatoga Grange will hold its annual Christmas party tonight at 8 o'clock in the grange hall, with recitations and four selections by the choir heading the program.

Mrs. Russell Cattell, lecturer, announced that everyone will be asked to bring a gift, which will be distributed by a granger in full Santa Claus regalia.

HEADS CHAMBER GROUP
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16 (AP)—J. K. B. Hare, vice president of the Westinghouse Electric corporation, today was elected president of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce.

Club Speaker



ROBERT PATERSON

Author to Address Foremen's Club

Robert Paterson lecturer, author and ex-newspaperman, will be the speaker at the Executive and Foremen's club meets Friday night at 6 30 o'clock in the YMCA.

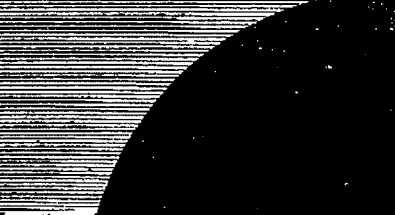
Once connected with the New York Herald Tribune and Readers Digest and Liberty magazines Paterson also wrote two books "Land of the Pilgrims" and "Gas Buggy."

He was once a member of the major's committee for receiving distinguished guests to New York and for two terms was commander of the New York County American Legion.

The Doehler-Jarvis male choir will lead Christmas carol singing and a National Efficiency award will be presented to the organization.

LEGISLATOR'S SATISFIED
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Rep. Lichtenwaler (R-Pa.) was appointed today to the House small business committee and, he told a reporter, the appointment "suits me fine."

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Lawful or Illegal? Quiz Program Plus Bingo Stumps 'Em

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 16 (AP)—A combination bingo game and quiz program that has appeared here as an aftermath of a widespread drive against gambling in Wheeling and Ohio County has authorities puzzled as to what—if any—further regulatory steps might be necessary.

Intermediate Judge D. A. McKee and assistant Ohio County Prosecutor Thomas O'Brien said they had no comment for the time being, but explained they were told by a member of the city administration who attended one of the new affairs that the procedure goes like this:

A red flag is placed in front of each player running a bingo game, and the quiz program is concluded each player holding one of the flags receives a question from the "quiz master."

One woman who correctly replied "a pig" when asked about the "source of pork was given \$25."

A second woman when asked on what store roof here Santa Claus lands when he comes to town in a helicopter (a department store staged such a Christmas promotion) received a similar \$25 prize—"for trying hard," the quiz master explained.

An order entered by the Ohio county sheriff during the gambling cleanup several weeks ago banned bingo, and the ire of church and other groups was aroused further when the State attorney general said in an opinion that bingo is not

Grace Brotherhood Re-elects Officers

A complete slate of officers was re-elected to a second one-year term at last night's meeting of Grace Lutheran Brotherhood in the church.

The live re-elected were Gerald Yerger, president; Joseph Hutt, vice president; Russell Smith, secretary; Curtis Borneman, treasurer, and Merrill Kline, chief usher.

Public installation of these officers will be held at the vesper services Jan. 18, which the Brotherhood will attend in a body.

The committee in charge of the installation is Melvin Sell chairman and Hutt, Jesse Houck and Donnell Schaffer.

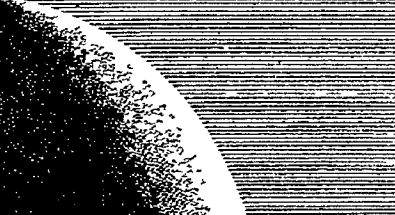
It also was announced that the men will decorate the church Monday night, making all the laurel wreaths and other decorations.

Last night's entertainment which included four reels of films, was supervised by Earl Elliott, chairman; Robert Frederick and Wilmer Meyer.

Insulin, normally produced in the human pancreas, is a hormone and lack of it in the body causes diabetes.

a game of skill, and thus is not lawful under West Virginia statutes.

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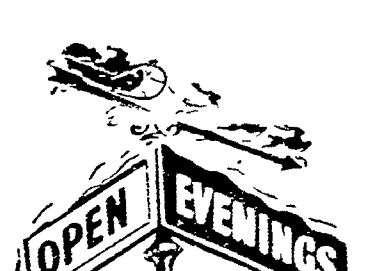
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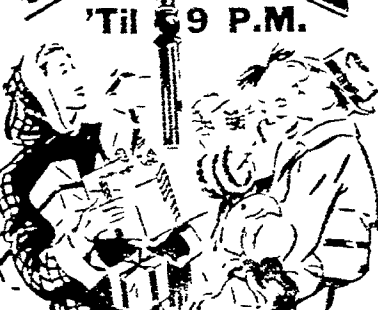
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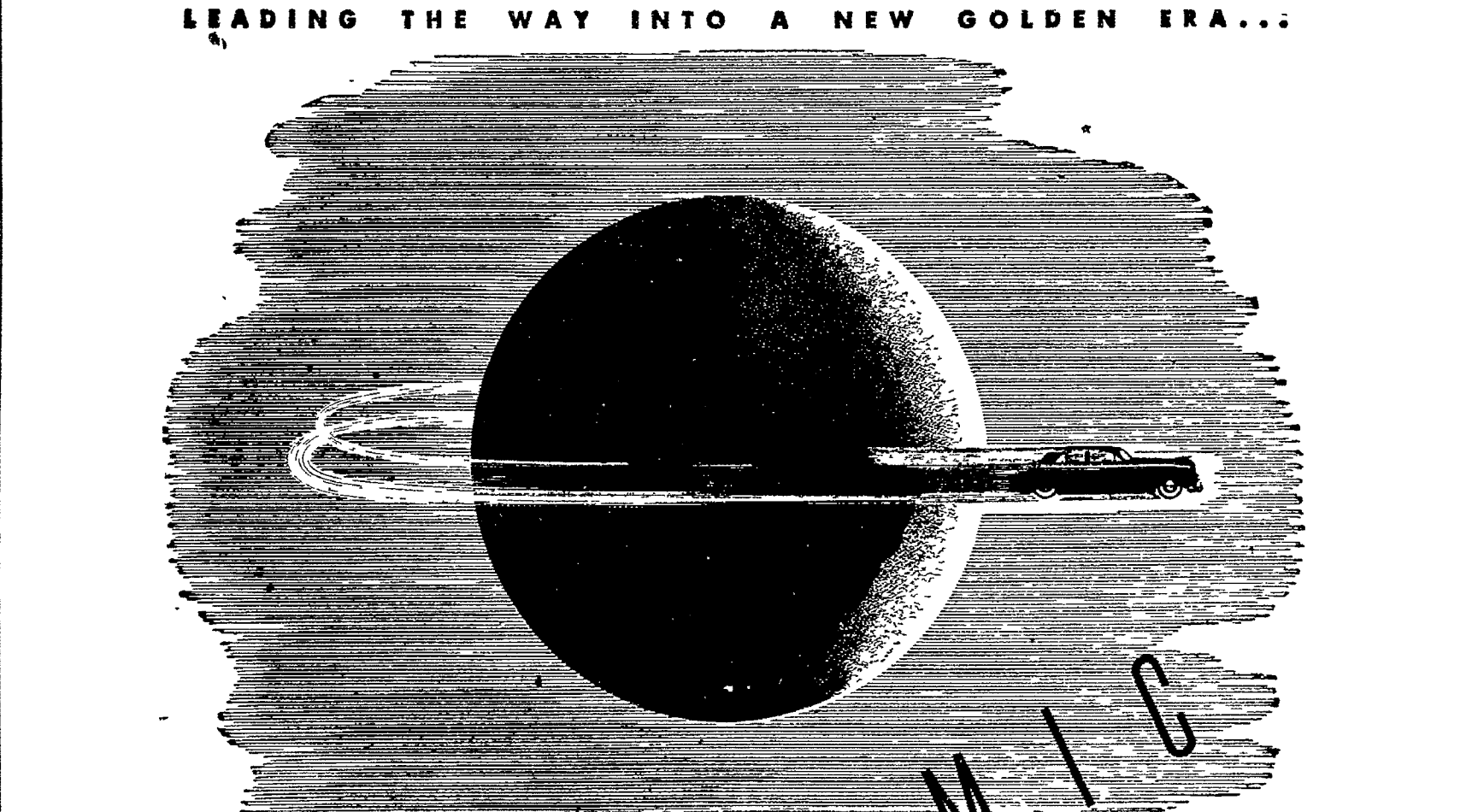
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Method goes far to prevent trouble in business; for it makes the task easy, hinders confusion, saves abundance of time, and instructs those who have business depending, what to do and what to hope.—Penn.

Inexcusably Lax
WHEN the President's conference on fire prevention was held in Washington last May, it was proposed that each state call a conference on its own to establish an inclusive program for preventing and combating fire within its borders.

Eight conferences have now been held, Kentucky having the honor of being the first. Six more are in preliminary or advanced stages of organization and preparation.

The states which have gone along with the recommendations of the President's Conference are to be congratulated on discharging a vital duty to their people.

The states which have done little or nothing are inexcusably lax.

Fire is one of the greatest destroyers of homes, places of business, materials, resources—even as it is one of the greatest killers of men, women, and children. Adequate public interest in preventing fire can never be achieved so long as those whose job it is to organize and direct the work are insufficiently interested themselves.

Fire will consume some \$600,000,000 worth of property this year—and the indirect, immeasurable loss will be two to three times as great. Fire will claim 10,000 to 11,000 lives—and many thousands more will be disfigured, and will be hospitalized for weeks or months or years.

Does that plain set of facts make fire prevention seem worthwhile? And is it too much to ask that the authorities of every state take positive action to fight this menace at the earliest possible time?

Wars are started over the killing of one or two persons. Is it reasonable for us as a nation to allow an enemy within our borders to continue killing thousands year after year, without retaliation?

Forces Combating Inflation
PAUL S. WILLIS, president of the Grocery Manufacturers of America, recently made an address on food prices in which he said: "In 1939, the food manufacturer averaged 46 cents profit on the sales dollar. In 1946 it was 3.9 cents, and in 1947 it will be about 3.5 cents." The retailer averages about 1.5 cents. Thus the profits of the manufacturer and the retailer together total only five cents of the sales dollar. Suppose these profits were removed, how much difference would that make in the price of a can of beans? The can costs 16 cents. The housewife would save four-fifths of a cent."

That simple illustration says volumes about the price situation.

What is true of food is also true, in greater or lesser degree, of all other commodities in general use. Typical retailers, including both the chain systems and the independents, are today working on smaller unit profits than before or during the war. So are many manufacturers, processors, wholesalers and others engaged in one phase or another of the business of turning raw materials into usable consumer goods.

Prices are high—not because of these groups, but in spite of it.

These high prices are the inevitable consequence of many factors—record demand, abnormal purchasing power, excessive government spending and taxes, high wages, the desire of millions of people for more luxuries and higher living standards, and so on.

The forces of inflation are not spent—many think they are still gathering momentum. No one can forecast with confidence what anything will cost next year or the year after that. But, regardless of the trend, free enterprise will bring us goods at a price which is established by aggressive competition—and which is as low as mass production and mass distribution can make it.

Food for Europe
FOOD shipments to Europe will cut domestic supplies of lard, sweet potatoes, meat, chickens and some canned fruits in 1948. Sugar, cheese, butter, bananas and dried fruits, which will not go abroad in large quantities, may be more plentiful.

Japs Ban Kissing
AN OLD democratic custom got the gate in Tokyo last week. The city government banned kissing in public, except on park benches where "love is naturally expressed."

Grampaw Oakley
PUNKIN CORNERS, December 16.
Dear Sir n' Brother:
Wal, I see by the papers where Louis "BoBo" Newsome, the big league hurler who has played for 15 teams, is reported on his way again. His nickname should be "Forever Ambling."

Pottstown's Heart Glows for Girl
Letters must not be more than 250 words long, of current events and must not involve personalities. Writers must sign their names and give street address and evidence of good faith but these will be withheld from publication on request. It is a criminal offense to sign another person's name. Poetry, and communications advocating the election of political candidates are not acceptable.

By MERCURY READERS

Nancy An Example for All
To the Editor:
"In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these my children, ye have done it unto me."

As I sat at my breakfast table this morning, it warmed my heart to read what the people of Pottstown, and outsiders, too, are doing for one of the finest young girls I have ever known.

Congratulations for the splendid move you made to help Nancy Baidant continue her treatment at the Philadelphia hospital.

Do you mind if I make a correction you made in your first article saying Nancy is depressed, lonely and unhappy at this particular season of the year?

In all the time I have known Nancy she has never been depressed or unhappy but always cheerful and hopeful. Her laughter is a real tonic. She thinks God had a purpose in her affliction and that through faith she will some day be well and strong. What a fine spirit! She is a splendid example for us all.

To me Nancy's mother is the most courageous woman in Pottstown. She has never given up and never will.

So let us all keep on giving and giving and giving and we will have the finest and best Christmas we have ever known.

May God bless us, everyone
Pottstown A MOTHER

Please, Everybody Help
To the Editor: Everybody should help "Nancy's Christmas Fund." Many folks don't take time to write a check or go to The Mercury office to give their "bit."

If containers were placed on counters in all business places, and I mean clubs and taverns too, many people who otherwise would not give, would drop a few coins.

A lot of people feel embarrassed to give less than a dollar. It's Christmas. We are giving in all directions. How about it, folks? Let's try it, see what results will be.

There never was a better cause than this one. It could have been you! MRS. S. C. G.

The Worry Clinic
By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE
JASON L., 41, earns \$1000 per month as head of a certain company here in Chicago.

"But, Dr. Crane, my board of directors are failing to renew my salary contract," he announced during our interview.

"You've known my unhappy family life, and can realize that I've been upset the last few years. Maybe it's a result of the menopausal complexes you talk about."

"In any case, I wish you'd speak a good word in my behalf before some of the directors. It is true that I haven't saved any money and have run around a bit, drinking more than I should. But I think I've learned my lesson and have come to my senses."

A week later I met the chairman of Jason's board of directors at a university reception. We withdrew to a quiet spot and began talking of Jason's case.

"What's the trouble regarding his salary contract?" I inquired.

Council Fizzle Means All-Out Economic War
By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.
(Associated Press Foreign Affairs Analyst)

THE TOWER OF DIPLOMACY
BABEL erected at Yalta and Potsdam has collapsed and it now appears likely that the foreign ministers council will be replaced by some other machinery of communication between Russia and the Western Allies.

As a matter of fact, the practicality of any communication at all, insofar as the hope of any agreement is concerned, is in serious question.

As Foreign Minister Georges Bidault of France says, "It becomes obvious that the USSR's efforts no longer are aimed at peace."

If he refers to peace in the broad sense, that has been obvious to a great many people for more than two years, to some people even during the war, and to a few people ever since the world revolution was proclaimed in Russia 30 years ago. It largely was lost sight of during the war under the pressure of propaganda which overlooked everything except the urgency of defeating Hitler's axis.

ALL-OUT ECONOMIC WAR between East and West is now the order of the day. One of the tragedies of the situation is that, just in the degree which this conflict may seem to be turning in favor of the West, so in that degree will be increased the possibility of more desperate measures by Russia.

There is no question about who won the battle of London. It was the Western Allies, who until now have been handicapped, like the gentleman in a barroom brawl, by following the rules.

Molotov made one mistake which will go down in history. He freed the hands of the allies in Western Germany. Now they can go ahead to make that area a powerful force in the drive for Western European recovery, and an outpost for future use in whatever form of conflict the Russians choose.

ONE of Molotov's greatest "accomplishments" at London was to convince the French that there is no bridge between Western civilization and Bolshevism; that their interests lie entirely with Britain and the United States.

He threw away any slightest chance of Russian participation in control of the power contained in the Ruhr. He fixed the western boundary of the Russian sphere along the Steier-Adriatic line, whereas the Kremlin had hoped to advance it to the Atlantic.

The Western powers, heretofore largely engaged in holding the Communist menace at arm's length, now are in a position to take the offensive. With rehabilitation of the industry of Western Germany, it will be more and more difficult for Russia to maintain the barriers which she has attempted to throw up between Eastern and Western Europe. The pressure on Poland, Czechoslovakia, and other Russian satellites to resume their natural economic affinities will become very great.

The United States probably will not abandon its policy of keeping the door open on the slightest chance that Russia will be won to even a modicum of co-operation, but the war can be fought now with freer hands. Normal diplomatic channels would seem to be sufficient for such relations as will continue.

WASHINGTON
GOP Strategy Shifts
By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Republican leadership in the House suddenly shifted its strategy on the Administration's program for aid to Italy through the scrap appropriations and the long-range Marshall Plan.

By adopting the White House blueprint without any major change, it apparently intends to let President Truman and Secretary Marshall assume full responsibility for this novel experiment in foreign policy.

It was, for instance, the original scheme of the Marshall-Halleck board to insist that a single independent administrator, or a semi-public organization, handle and supervise all distribution of funds, food and materials. But they finally agreed to permit the recipient governments to undertake this job, despite warnings that it might divert assistance to Communist groups and thwart the purpose of the program.

THREATENED: Although an erstwhile isolationist, the able and courtly John M. Vorys of Ohio made points of order stand up against amendments proposed by Republican colleagues.

Acting as floor manager for the House Foreign Affairs Committee in place of the aged Chairman Charles A. Eaton, he knocked out attempts to prevent export of goods in short supply, to fix a ceiling on prices to be paid for wheat and many other suggestions for tightening the interim aid measure.

The leadership's sudden decision caused many complaints on the part of the majority membership, who were apparently unaware of the underlying purpose. They have threatened to react if the same tactics are applied to the more far-reaching Marshall Plan.

REACTION: The Republicans' reaction to both aid proposals revealed the wisdom of the White House suggestion that members visit Europe during the summer recess to see first-hand evidence of need. Men who went abroad with the intention of collecting ammunition against all-out assistance returned to support the bill.



Hollywood
By EDITH GWYNN
HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 16.—It's supposed to be a secret, but MGM is going to make a picture co-starring Wallace Beery and long-legged Charlotte Greenwood. They're sifting stories now.

Gordon Hollingshead, who heads the shorts department at Warners, has a luscious cousin named Gene Tierney. She's "in pictures" too.

A friend of ours just in from Chicago says he went through the biggest printing plant in that town last week and it is printing meat-rationing stamps by the carload!

Many a rival director is raving about the fine job that Jean Negulesco has done in "Johnny Belinda" — no easy task, with Jane Wyman playing a deaf-mute through the whole film!

The Joan Crawford-Greg Baurzerman romance has gone boom again and she tells us this time it's off for keeps. . . . Lina Romay and Richard Dix are being a constant Cirio duo. . . . John Dillon's definition of a cattle-rustler: "The man Gene Autrey chases between songs!" . . . Saw Linda Christians (with her hair much darker) and Ty Power, very much engrossed, at L'Aiglon.

Universal is kicking around the idea of making a movie from the "Sam Spide" radio series. It would star Howard Duff. Duff is the hottest thing on the Universal lot since "The Naked City" and "All My Sons."

So much so that the studio So could never be achieved on one harp by any one man. But then, Cary plays an angel in the picture—and angels can do anything.

Someone should really make a record of that harp solo that Cary Grant plays in "The Bishop's Wife." Of course, Cary didn't actually play it, though he took lessons to master the "fingering" for camera purposes. The song he does, "Lost April," was made on four separate sound tracks (with a harmonicon development) so that could never be achieved on one harp by any one man. But then, Cary plays an angel in the picture—and angels can do anything.

Nora and Errol Flynn ran smack into his ex, Lilli Damita with Jimmy Guston at Elyse Hunt's cocktail party for the Princess of Berar (she's the daughter of the Sultan of Turkey)—and the four were just slightly speaking. Greer Garson, with Wyn Roocomora again was there too as were the Walter Pidgeon, the Edgar Bergens, Adrian and Janet Gaynor. Yall the George Murphys, the Ronald Colmans and a hundred more.

When "All My Sons" is finished, director Irving Reis may be sent to New York to continue what by now seems like endless search for the femme lead in "One Touch of Venus," which he's supposed to do next. But our latest dope on that situation is that Universal practically has decided to toss that role to Ava Gardner. And she sounds like a likely choice. . . . When the stage version of "Gentleman's Agreement" is ready, Gregory Peck will beg, borrow or steal time off from movies to play it.

Tomorrow's Problem
N K J 5
A 9 8 6
A K 2
A 5 3
9 6 3
K J 7
Q J 10
3
Q J 6
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W
E
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A Q 10 8 7 4
10 5 3
7 6 4
K

(Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable.)
How should South play for 6-Spades after West leads the diamond Q?

Pottstown Sketches
By PHILLIPS



"I have a hunch, Clifford Peterson, those tracks are going to baffie a lot of people."

30 Years Ago
December 17, 1897
BEATEN BY TRAMP—Samuel Bryan, employe of the Ellis and Lessig Nail works, West High street, was beaten up last night by a tramp who knocked him down with his fist at the plant. Police Officer Eddie Gilbert went to the scene in the Philadelphia Fire company's patrol wagon driven by Danne Weidner, accompanied by Health Officer Clymer Missimer. Three tramps were arrested later in a Mull Park stable and locked up at borough hall.

LAYS OUT 4000 BODIES—Mrs. Maria Fillman was an assistant to her husband the late James Fillman, undertaker, and prepared 4000 bodies for burial. After her husband's death, she was an aide to Undertaker Jeremiah G. Gilbert and then laid out 700 more bodies.

CARRIAGE IN MISHAP — Lyman Mauger and George Reimauer were proceeding on East High street in a horse-drawn carriage when the vehicle was struck by a trolley car and damaged. No one was injured.

25 Years Ago
December 17, 1922
CREEK DIVERSION CASE — J. R. Gruver, of near Gilbertville, paid \$100 fine and costs before Magistrate Egbert, Norristown. He was charged with changing the course of Swamp creek tributary, William J. Acker, fish and game commissioner, Allentown, preferred the charge.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FETE—The Rotary club, acting in co-operation with the Salvation Army and Associated Charities, is holding a Christmas party around a gaily-decorated tree at the post office grounds, Hicn and Washington streets. Miss Estelia Kline will direct carol singing.

INVENTOR DIES—James Reagan, 1314 High street, inventor of a grate bar and Civil War veteran, died in Atlantic City, N. J.

CLOTHING FOR EUROPE—Luthers of this section are joining in a drive to collect clothing for needy in Russia and Europe.

10 Years Ago
December 17, 1937
STOCK IS SOLD—Pottstown Gas and Water company stock was sold at \$75 per share at a public sale yesterday of holdings of the estate of Ellen J. Yerger. Par value is \$50. Stock of the National Bank of Pottstown brought \$132 to \$139 a share.

WATER COMPANY HEARINGS — Hearings in the efforts of the Borough of Pottstown to acquire the holdings of the Pottstown Gas and Water company were resumed yesterday in Philadelphia before Examiner Morris R. Sacks, of the Public Utilities commission. Borough Solicitor John H. Longaker, Borough Secretary Edmond W. Critchley and the borough's accountant, John P. Schamuck, testified. The hearings now have been deferred to Feb. 3.

SLEET STORM ARRIVES—A sleet storm arrived last night. Two motor crashes occurred on the pike at Stowe as a result of the ice covered roadway.

PHILLIES YULE DECORATIONS — The fire tower of the Philadelphia Fire company's building is elaborately decorated for Christmas.

Voice of Broadway
By DOROTHY KILGALLAN

Miss Midnight's Notebook
THE DIANA BARRYMORE-Bob Wilcox romance is waxing. . . . One of the Hollywood guests at the Command Performance before the royal family in London embarrassed the coterie of movie stars no end by getting so intoxicated he all but had to be carried out. He wasn't an actor—just a member of one of the star's entourage. . . . Frankie Carle will be looking for a genuine vocalist when he opens at the Hotel Pennsylvania. Please! don't apply to this column—see Mr. Carle at the hotel after Dec. 29.

Insiders on the case say that the murderer of Mrs. Sheila Manning (a night life figure who committed suicide a few weeks ago) bought her seventeen fur coats to keep her from talking. . . . A new Irving Berlin tune from the movie "Easter Parade" may well turn out to be another "Heat Wave." It's called "Drum Car."

Gammor's Janet Westbrooke, former showgirl at the Carnival solved the current problem of bad business in show business by getting a job in the banquet department of the Hotel Capitol. . . . Spring neckties will be decorated by at least two photographs of the late Henry Ford. . . . Yale composer Dick Brecker is playing at the Flem to just because he likes to tickle the notes. He's really a rich young fella.

Comedienne Louise Howard, who was invited to entertain at a party for the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, practiced curtsy-ing for two weeks before the big event, but when the moment came her nervousness won out, she lost her balance—and fell right smack on her New Look!

Bandleader Louis Jordan has been ordered by physicians to take a rest from his swing crew or suffer a breakdown. . . . Dile Evans, who's going to marry Roy Rogers at the turn of the year, has just saved a song called "Never Marry a Cowboy. . . . Cops hear that the gangster of all police shakeups is due in the hot seat of the future. That old bookmaker orkism again. . . . Tommy Dorsey's ex, Pat Dame, is swooning over Jack Haley—and vice versa.

Paul Smith, the agent, will sue Fred F. Finklehoffe and Joe Harris for allegedly "shutting him out" of the deal on "Tine Heiress" after he had brought them together originally.

Lilacs for Holidays...
Stoves, Sewer Wanted...

CHRISTMAS HINT — Want lilacs in your living room or library during the holidays? Maybe it's too late for this year, but cut out the recipe for next. Or maybe you'd want 'em in January. So there's still time for it. Here's the gem: Three weeks before Christmas, cut down a lilac bush right at the ground level. Choose one long or tall enough so the branches will reach to the ceiling. Put the branches in a good-sized tub of water—cold water. Keep adding a bit of ice each day to keep the water chilly. Almost immediately the bushes will start to bud and in three weeks you'll have flowers. The secret is to keep the bottom of the branches cold and the tops warm. If you like, you can take the long branch or maybe two from each of your lilac mac bushes and have lilacs of different colors all in bloom at the same time.

APPEAL — The Salvation Army needs, for poor families, three stoves, either of the heater or cook stove type, and one sewing machine. The sewing machine will go to a family whose mother makes all of the children's clothing. If you have a stove or sewing machine stored away, give Capt. Meral Cox a call at the Salvation Army and he'll pick it up. . . . Sgt. Francis M. Yonkovich, who has been stationed for 12 months with the Army in Korea, is expected to be back in Pottstown for Christmas. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Yonkovich, Franklin and Mineral streets. . . . Pvt. Clyde E. McElroy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McElroy, 348 1/2 Lincoln avenue, is taking a 13-weeks basic training program with the Army at Ft. Dix, N. J. He enlisted in November.

ACTRESS — Barbara Ann Snell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Snell, 278 North York street, has been chosen to sing in "The Messiah" at Hope college, Holland, Mich., during the Christmas season. . . . GIVE AWAY DEPT.—Mrs. Adam Simmons, Rahn's Hill, has an eight-months-old fox terrier she'll give away. It's a female and housebroken. . . . There may be exceptions, but these two yardsticks sounded unusual: A grown man is always at least as tall as his mother. And when a boy is 12, his weight is half his adult weight and he's two-thirds as tall as he'll be when he reaches his full height.

HINT — In case you're the kind of optimist who goes in to a cafe or restaurant broke and orders oysters hoping to pay for the meal with the pearl you find, here's a tip: The oysters which are most likely to contain pearls are those with shells that are irregular in shape, stunted, honeycombed by boring parasites, or covered with abnormal growths. . . . Consider the problem of one of the New York taxicab companies: They are about to junk a total of 1350 cabs and put on the streets 1932 brand new ones. The 1948 models will be more spacious than the old ones. The trunk rack will be gone and the cab will have more of the appearance of a limousine.

HERE 'N' THERE — That Community Chest "thermometer" at High and Hanover streets doesn't blend too much with the Christmas decorations. Seems it's up a long time after the campaign ended — in November! . . . Those traffic lights at Hanover and King streets are a big improvement — if they'd be observed by taxi drivers! . . . To prove that hostesses never listen to excuses given by late arriving guests, a psychology prof arrived late at a dinner party one night and apologized with, "Sorry to be late, but it took me longer than I expected to strangle my uncle." "Yes, indeed," replied the hostess, "So nice of you to come."

YOUR HEALTH
By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M. D.

CANCER of the stomach is a curable disease, but only when it is discovered early enough and properly treated. This means that all of us—doctors and laymen alike—must be on the alert for our earliest signs and must be more wary, perhaps, than we would need to be if there was one simple reliable test for cancer. Only by quick suspicion of every symptom that could indicate cancer of the stomach can we cut down the present dreadful toll taken by this disease—25,000 to 40,000 lives a year.

Unfortunately, cancer of the stomach, in its early stages, may cause few, if any, noticeable symptoms. However, sooner or later there is some pain or discomfort in the pit of the stomach, loss of appetite, heartburn, sickness to the stomach, vomiting, loss of weight, and tiredness.

Of course, as the condition progresses, the symptoms may become much worse with more severe pain in the pit of the stomach, vomiting of coffee-ground-like material, great loss of weight, and blood not only in the stomach contents but also in the bow movements. The patient becomes anemic, that is, lacking in the red coloring of the blood.

Since these symptoms of cancer vary so greatly, disturbance of the digestion in a person over 35 or 40 years of age should receive the prompt attention of a physician. By careful studies, the doctor can, as a rule, tell whether or not cancer is present.

The diagnosis of cancer in the advanced stages is not difficult. Not only are the symptoms clear, but X-ray examinations show the presence of a tumor growth. But then it is usually too late.

X-ray examination is the chief method of recognizing stomach cancer in its early stages. Even though an X-ray examination indicates the cancer is not present, repeated examinations should be made if there is any suspicion that stomach cancer has developed.

Of course, the treatment for stomach cancer is an immediate operation and removal of the necessary portions of the stomach. With early operation, more than half of the patients with cancer of the stomach can be completely cured, according to present evidence.

SOCIAL NEWS

Girl Scout Troop 6 Stages Christmas Party

Mothers of Girl Scouts of Troop 6 of the First Methodist church were entertained at a Christmas party last night in the church. Peggy Stanton was in charge of the entertainment.

The girls served home made cookies and tea and decorated the table with candies set in a bowl and pine branches served as the centerpiece. An amateur show was presented by the scout members.

Gifts were exchanged by the scouts who presented their mothers with winter garden bouquets.

Scouts present were Claudette Welsh, Joan Borgiet, Hildegard Zirkel, Judith Desantis, Marion Fillman, Dorothy Hartenraft, Kay Hartenraft, Alice Kammerzell, Joan Kratz, Suzanne McMichael, Doris Marks, Sheryl Mountain, Margaret Neiman, Dolores Noll, Mary Kay Rettew, Gertrude Rose, Fern Roy, Evely Shaw, Joyce Sionaker, Geraldine Smith, Joan Shellenberger, Nancy and Shirley Weidner, Mary Welsh, Caroline Umstead and Barbara Yerger.

Leaders were Mrs. Henry Schneider, Miss Alberta Wadell, Mrs. Ruth Cressman, Mrs. Harry Shellenberger and Mrs. Dorothy Keihl.

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 20 in the church.

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Employees of Ellis Mills store recently enjoyed the annual Christmas party after closing hours.

The party was held in the front balcony of the store. Gifts were exchanged and a buffet supper served by Miss Mirian Riehl.

Richard Wisneski, display manager, was in charge of the appropriate table decorations which consisted of a Winter scene with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus ice skating on a revolving disc.

The committee was formed from the We Serv-U club of Ellis Mills.

Mrs. Kathryn Hipple, chairman, was assisted by Mrs. Betty Hallman, Mrs. Kathryn Whitby, Mrs. Bess Pierce, Mrs. Ellen Mock, Miss Mary Ann Hill, Mr. Richard Wisneski and Mr. John Smale.

The role of Santa Claus was taken by Mr. Warren F. DeLong, president of the club and assistant manager.

Merritt A. Neiman Feted On Birthday Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Neiman recently feted their son, Merritt Arlington, at a party in honor of his fourth birthday anniversary in their home, 378 North Franklin street.

Games were played and refreshments were served on a table decorated in the Christmas scheme. At each end of the table were two large candles and the centerpiece was composed of a candle shaped like Santa Claus, flanked by two birthday cakes which were decorated with red and green candles. Trimmings of red and green and

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Sea and Boy Scouts Present Scout-O-Rama; 3 Troops Hold Annual Christmas Parties

A Boy Scout-O-Rama with a sea-faring theme, and three Christmas parties brightened the meetings of 10 Pottstown area troops Monday night.

Pottstown Troop 10, Sanatoga Troop 1 and the Sea Scout Ship Buccaneer staged their Scout-O-Rama as guests of Troop 18 in St. James Lutheran church.

On a large model ship built on the stage, the scouts went for an imaginary voyage. During the dramatized trip, they reminisced of their scouting days on land, and then enacted some of these highlights.

The first was investiture. Troop 1 Scoutmaster James Miller inducted Charles A. Bayler, Charles E. Leidenberger and Eugene P. Miller, while for Troop 10 Carl Markowitz was inducted by acting Scoutmaster Robert Yerger.

Another event enacted aboard the ship was a model patrol meeting by Troop 10. It planned the hike that was next enacted by Troop 1, including such realistic details as bird-spotting and applying first aid.

Skipper William Glenney and

trip to Camp Delmont Jan. 16, 17 and 18.

Carol singing was a highlight of the Christmas party of Troop 6, which was sponsored by the Ladies auxiliary and held in Trinity Reformed church.

The singing was prolonged at the insistence of the 25 present for nearly a half hour. Agnes Frazee, of the auxiliary, was at the piano, and Walter Ziegler, assistant scoutmaster directed the singing.

Zeigler also joined A. R. Reichenbach, troop committeeman, and Jackie Reazor, in singing a verse of "We Three Kings."

In a tongue-tying game of "Prince of Paris," Ronald Dotterer was the winner.

Troop Committeemen present were Joseph Hinkel, Reichenbach, George Moore Sr. and Lester Reazor. Other leaders were Scoutmaster Warren Hoover and the Rev. John B. Frantz, pastor of the church.

Members of the auxiliary present included Mrs. Paul Towers, president; Mrs. Joseph Hinkel, secretary, and Mrs. George Moore. Mrs. George Bliehm and Lorraine Hoover.

Hoover announced that the Troop's camping trip would be made Jan. 2, 3 and 4 to the farm of William Whirman near Nanticoke.

With 17 braving the rain, Troop

8 devoted its meeting chiefly to test passing.

John Winkler and Raymond Falus both passed scout pace and safety tests for Second Class rank. Jack Eck, assistant scoutmaster, led the attack of the cleaning brigade on the new woodwork room.

The troop Christmas party will be held next Monday night in Emmanuel Lutheran church, in charge of Patrol leader Leonard Almond.

Christmas party of Troop 4 was held in First Methodist church, and was marked by the investiture of two scouts.

Scoutmaster Gene Shellenberger conducted the ceremonies for Lowell Hurter and Richard Mogel before the 26 scouts and guests attending.

Harry Shellenberger, district commissioner, presented the Acon award to his scoutmaster son for the troop's completion of the four-point scout program.

Ralph H. Spate, camping chairman of the troop committee, recommended to the boys a plan for saving for next Summer's camping by buying camping stamps from the troop during the winter months, and thus accumulating the money.

In the exchange of gifts, scouts and parents swapped 25 cent gifts, while Gene Shellenberger was given a scout shirt, necktie and tie clasp by the boys.

The Mother's auxiliary, which sponsored the party and provided the refreshments, voted to send a letter to Mrs. Winkler, who is home from the hospital.

Ninety minutes of movies were the centerpiece of the Troop 7 Christmas party held in Seales Memorial Methodist church. The films, including sports, comic and western reels, were furnished by William Hiles troop committeeman.

Another committeeman, Joseph Whelan, acted as Santa Claus during the gift trading. Since the decision to use a Santa was made at the last minute, Whelan appeared without costume, although he has a complete disguise at home.

Other items on the program were a recitation of "Night Before Christmas" by Mrs. Charles Jacob and decorating of the troop tree in a half hour flat.

It was announced that the troop's camping trip would not be scheduled until the new stove arrives in the troop cabin.

Troop 9 held a brief meeting in Forrester hall, and readied

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first time in months because of the rain. The 13 present saw Bert Miller, on behalf of the troop.

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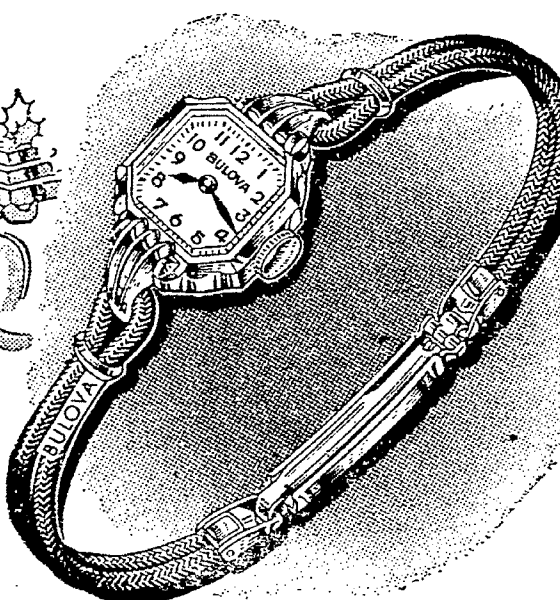
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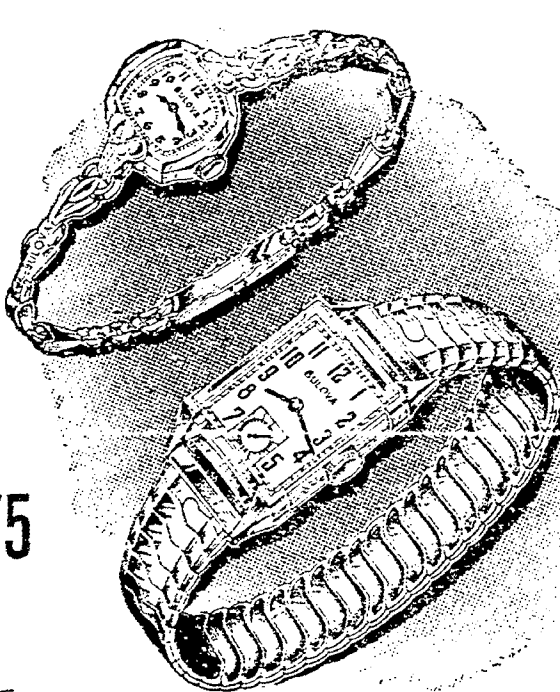
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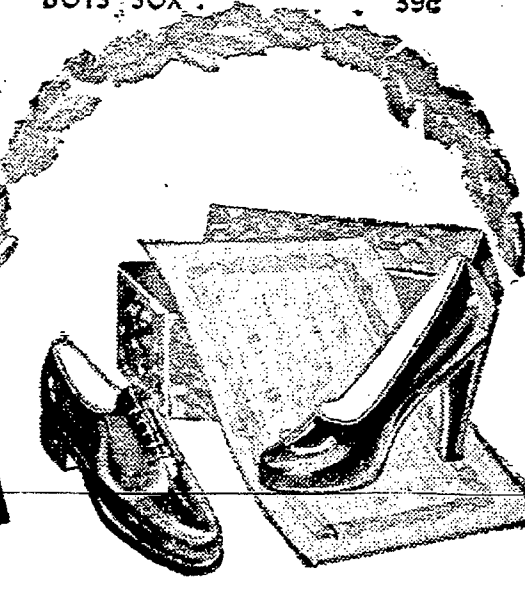
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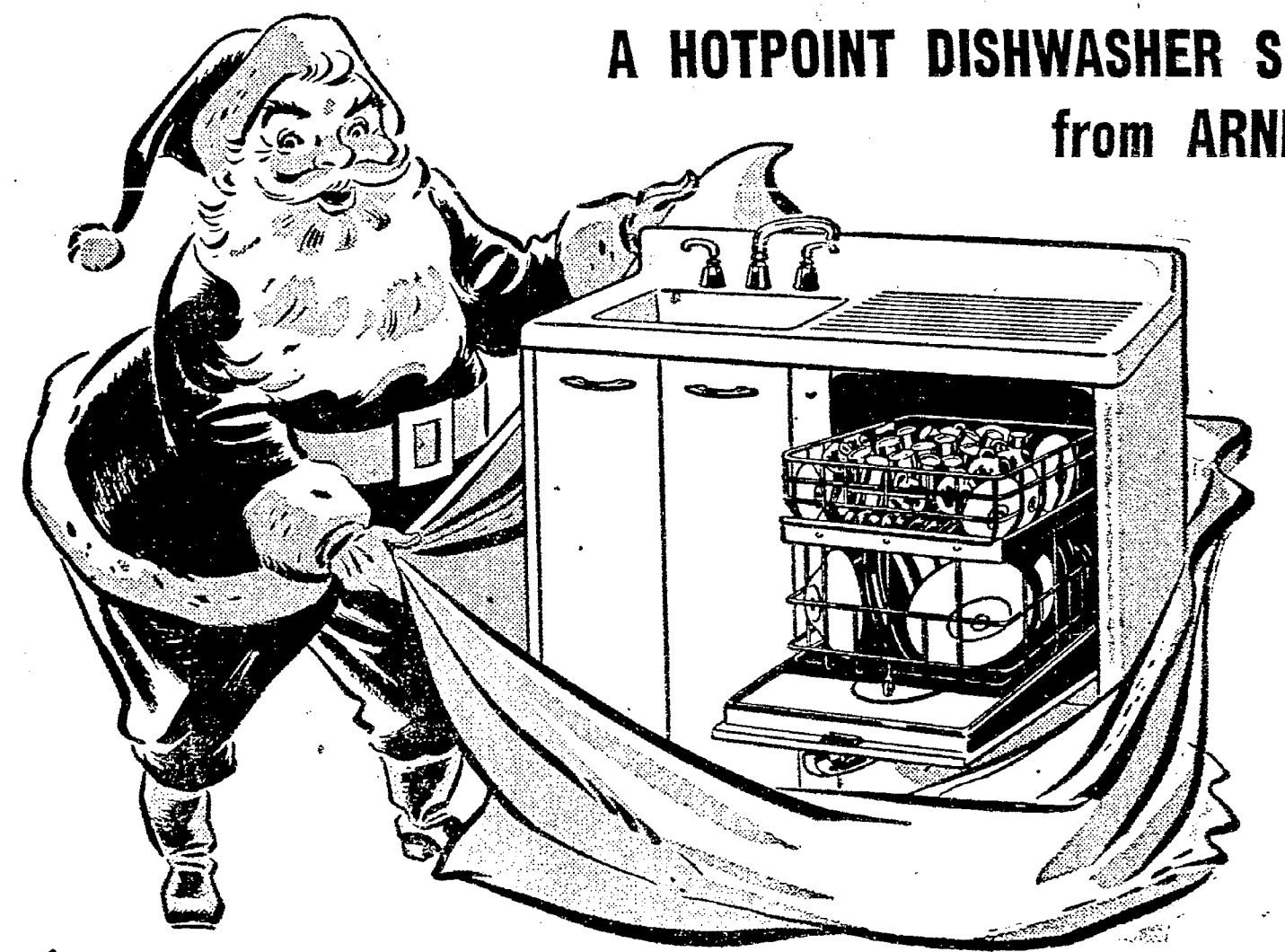
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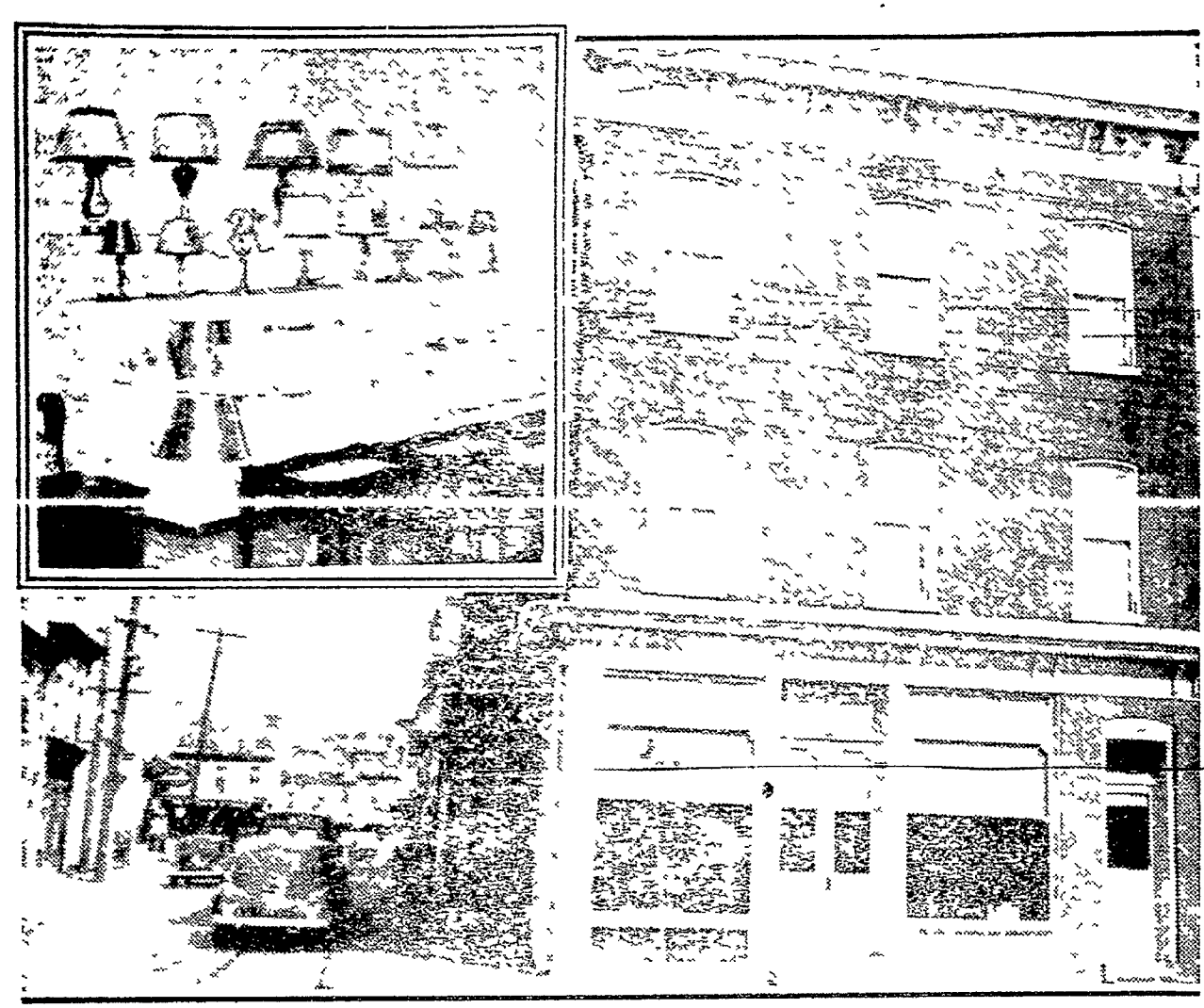
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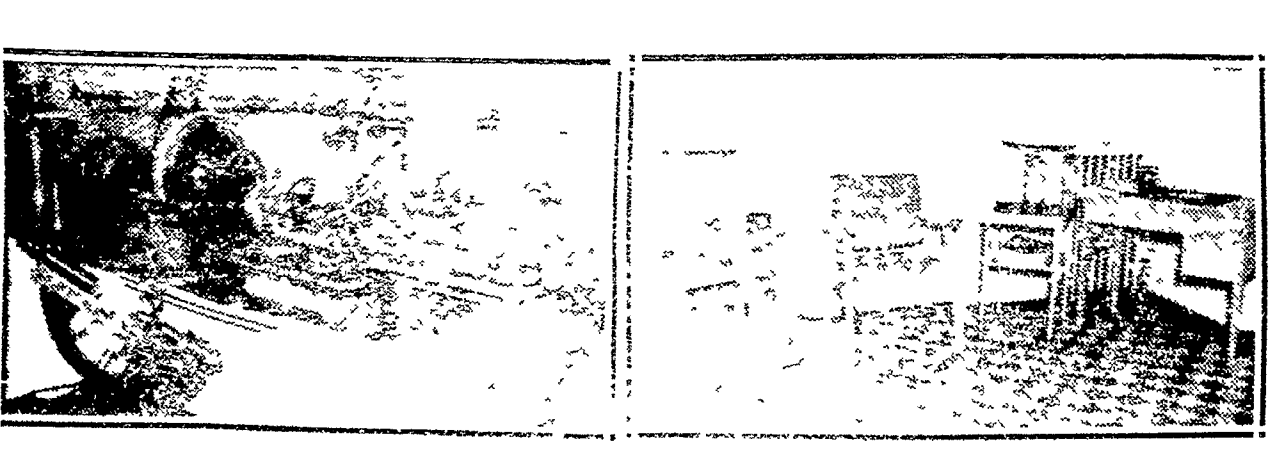
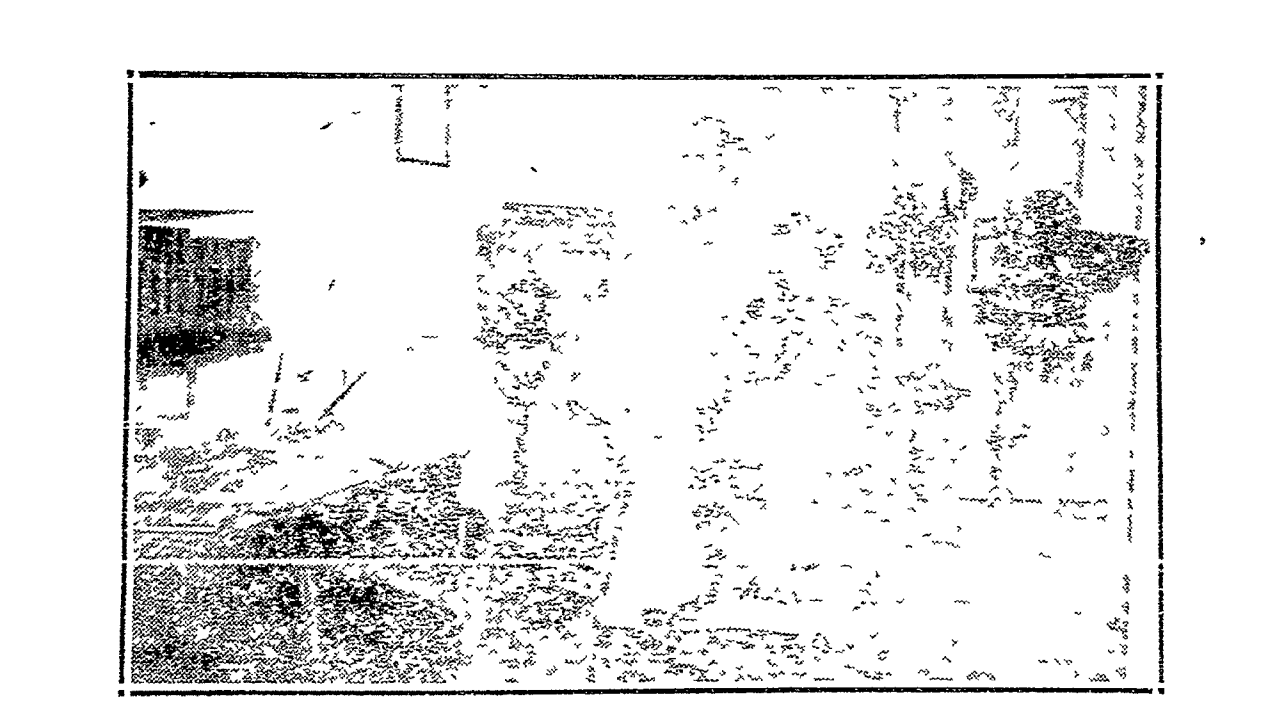
CONVENIENTLY situated just outside the main business district, KEISER FURNITURE, at Charlotte and Walnut streets, is day by day proving more popular with discriminating buyers desiring the best in furniture and household accessories. In addition to offering a select line of furniture, KEISER FURNITURE specializes in lamps and living room tables. Pictured above left is shown a small section of the lamp department. Lamps of practically any description and size are obtainable. Shades, too, are an important part of the business and daily entire houses and buildings are being beautified with neatly fitted shades. If you have not visited KEISER'S recently, do so soon. You are under no obligation and you will really enjoy your visit to Pottstown's Oldest Furniture Store.

Another Future Musician From Lamb's School



LAMB'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC, located at 247 High street, above Woolworth's, continues to play an important part in molding careers for music conscious children of Pottstown and vicinity. Pictured above is Instructor Charles Hunsberger, a Lamb student of bygone days now accordion soloist with the popular Pottstown Band, and pupil 'Butch' Wink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wink of 660 State street. With the largest teaching staff in its history, LAMB'S SCHOOL is successfully producing hundreds of musicians to carry on in this area. New 12 Bass Accordions, with cases, are being offered by LAMBS at \$75 up.

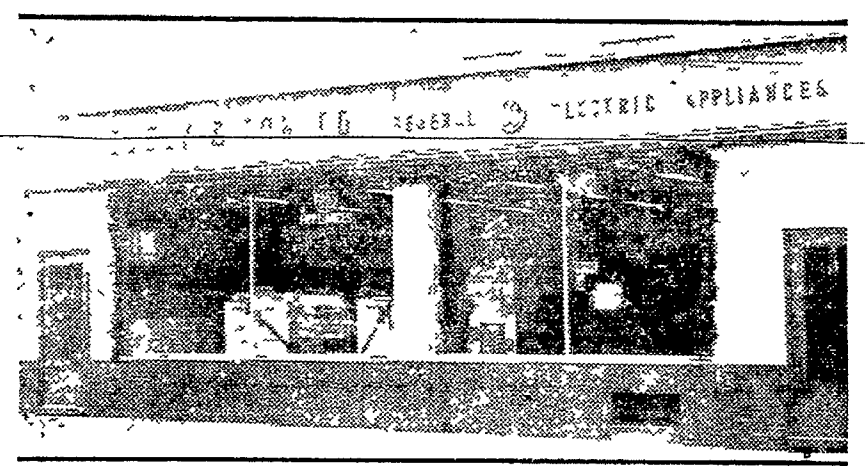
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POTTSTOWN'S PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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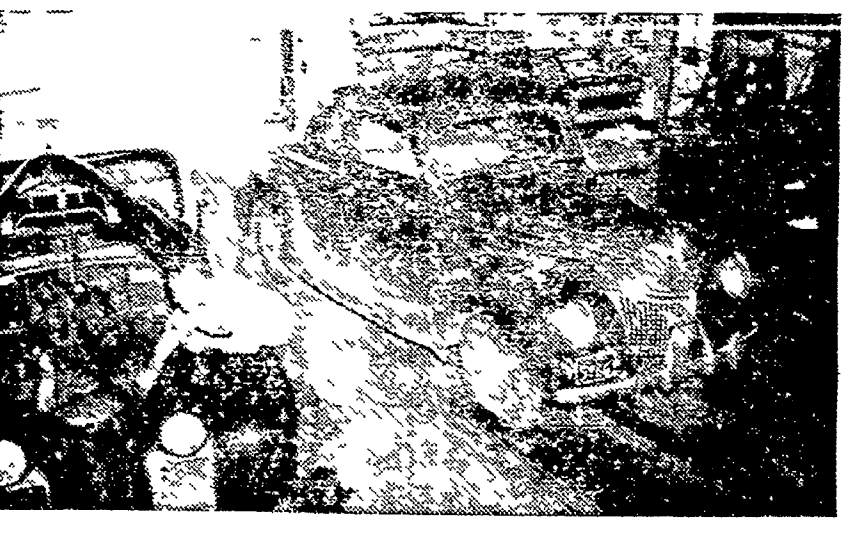


PICTURED above is the modern store of J. FEGELY AND SON CO., at 34 High street. Visitors will immediately be impressed favorably by the effective display of electrical appliances, ranging from electric shavers, heaters, vacuum cleaners, etc., to the larger merchandise such as home freezers, refrigerators, ranges, cabinet radio and television sets. If you are looking for any item in the electrical appliance field you are almost certain to find the desired merchandise here. Your visit will be welcomed.



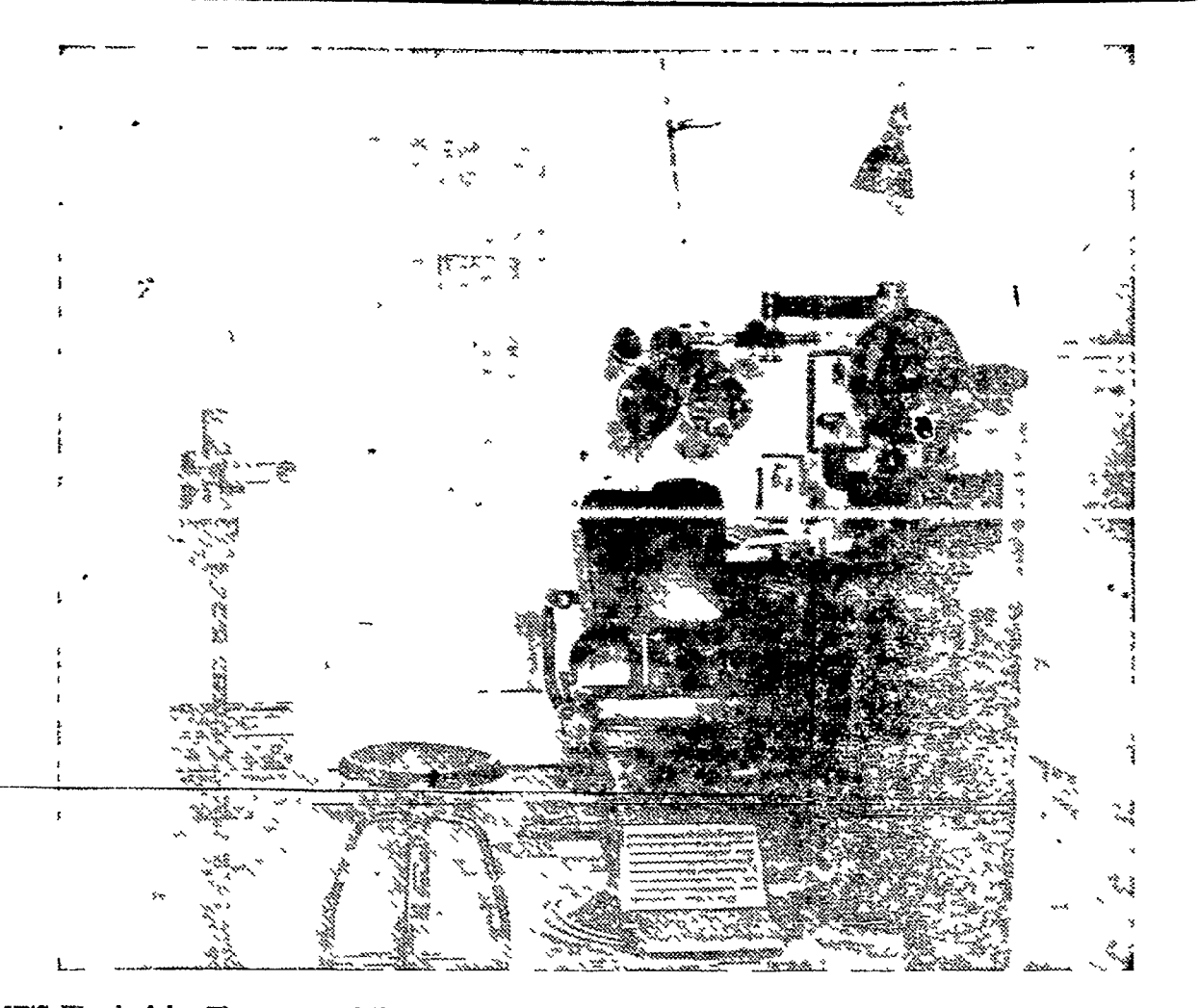
MOST complete and exceptionally pleasant is the service at the CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST CO., High and Franklin Street. The GI himself is the best person to testify to the cordial reception received at CITIZENS. President Frederick G. Erb makes the GI contact a personal matter. Photo above shows workmen cashing their pay checks, another facility provided by the CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK. Convenient location prompts thousands of workmen to use and appreciate this payroll service.

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Modern Equipment Used in Office of Dr. F. F. Meyers



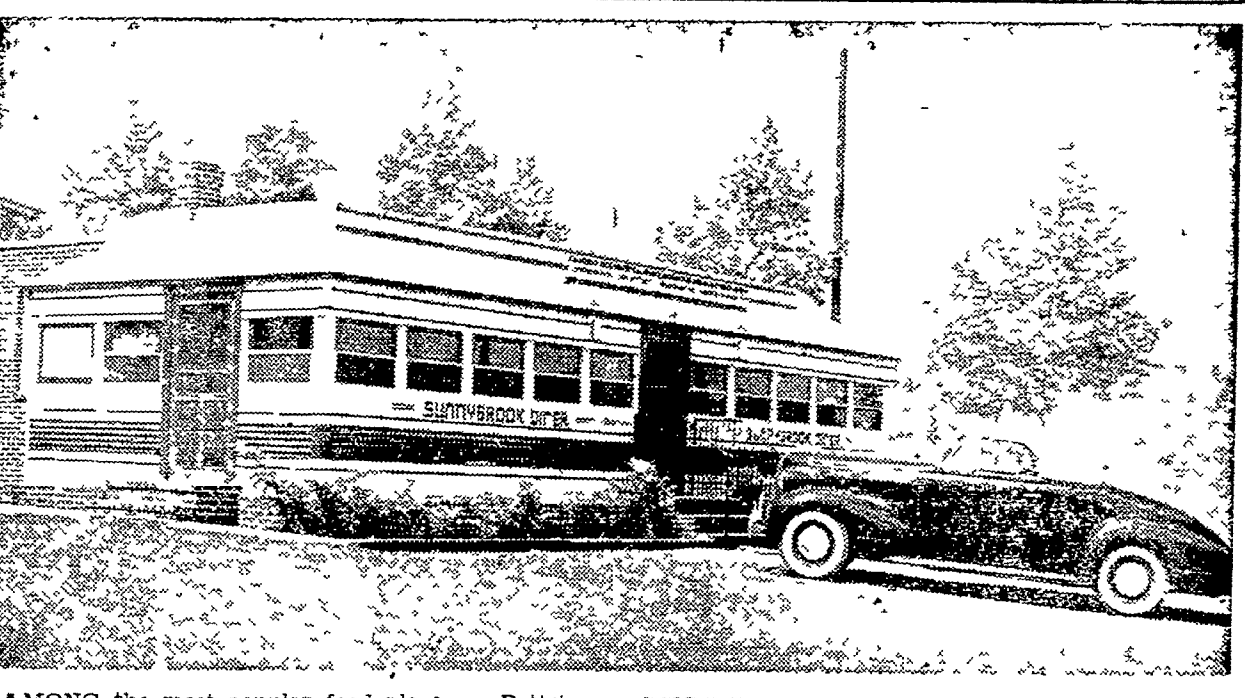
IT'S Wonderful: This is one of the Examination Rooms of DR. MEYERS, OPTOMETRIST 7 North Hanover street, Pottstown. Every known scientific instrument for the care and examination of the eye is included in the equipment. DR. MEYERS, Optometrist, has been in Pottstown 38 years, devoting his entire time to eye care. He is widely known throughout Pennsylvania.

Burton's Popular With Fall Style Seekers



TRUE to the promise made to the shoppers of Pottstown at the time of their opening, BURTON'S, 215 High Street, is crammed full of the latest in Winter fashions and milady need go no further to find the things she wants to wear. BURTON'S is conscious of the fashion desires of the women of this locality. The liberal patronage accorded them attests to their judgment in style.

Sunnybrook Diner One of Pottstown's Highlights



AMONG the most popular food places in Pottstown is SUNNYBROOK DINER, located at Beech and High streets. Several factors enter into the popularity of this food house, the principal one being the superb quality of the food. Amid most pleasant appointments the joy of eating at Sunnybrook Diner is accentuated by the speed of the service. Years of experience in handling large crowds qualifies Earl Shesley's SUNNYBROOK DINER as the logical place to go for food when the minutes are precious. You can't improve on the quality of the food.

Bechtel's Luncheonette and Fountain Popular



ACTIVITY around BECHTEL'S LUNCHEONETTE AND FOUNTAIN, at High and Moser Road, has been greatly on the up-swing. The popularity of this establishment is attested to by the fact that when the younger element find it quite a spot for recreation and joviality. Great care is exercised by the management in providing prompt and pleasant service to all. All this, plus a par excellent product, make for a very cheerful and tasty visit to BECHTEL'S. Try it yourself!

Currency Reform

Starts in Russia; Some Prices Drop

MOSCOW, Dec. 16 (AP)—Soviet citizens went to the banks today to exchange their old rubles for new ones under the currency reform program, then toured the stores to buy food, clothing and other items, some featured at lower prices with the end of rationing.

A citizen with old rubles in his pockets exchanged them on a basis of one new ruble for ten old. If he had 3000 or less on deposit in the bank he could get one new ruble for each old one. On amounts of more than 3000 the exchange ranged up to one new ruble for each three old ones.

The lowered prices hit the collection of market immediately. The lower prices in the state stores forced the farmer to drop his prices in order to meet the competition.

Under rationing, Russians had several sources of goods, including ration stores, which sometimes lacked supplies; commercial stores, where no ration tickets were necessary but prices were much higher; and farm markets, where farmers, after meeting quotas, could sell foodstuffs.

(Some prices had gone sky-high recently. The Moscow correspondent of Stockholm's Morgontidningen reported from Helsinki that some Russians spent hundreds of thousands of rubles in early December buying, and some stores closed for "repairs").

The government newspaper Izvestia hailed the inauguration of the new currency program and the end of the old dual system of "ration" and "commercial," or non-ration, stores as "a way towards further strengthening of the Soviet state and a new growth of the people's welfare."

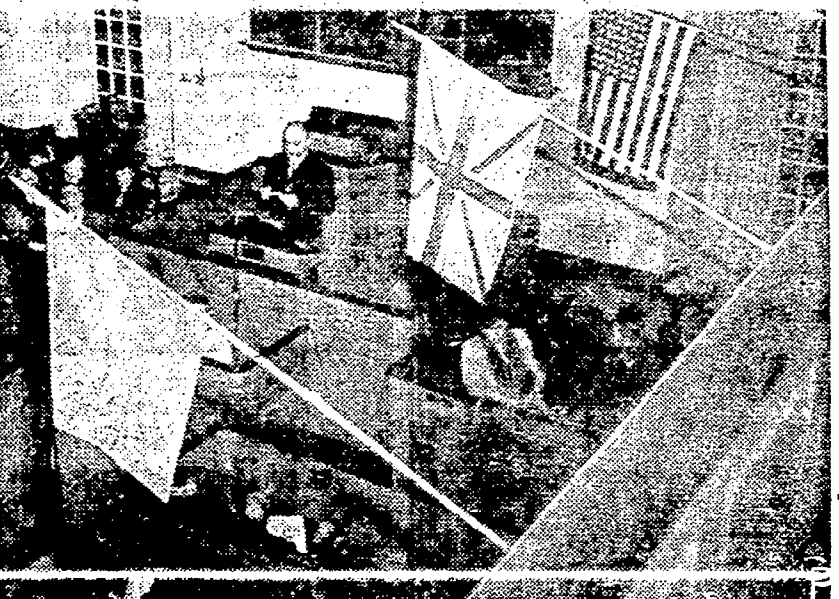
It said the "cheering news on money reform and abolition of rationing affected our lives like a holiday. Packed meetings at plants, factories, and collective farms became a powerful demonstration of the affection and devotedness of workers, peasants, intellectuals to the Bolshevik party and the Soviet government."

It predicted that "one will live better, more cheerful and our mighty Soviet Union will prosper even more."

Izvestia saw the new program as placing added responsibilities on Soviet trade machinery and said it will be up to workers in industry to turn out more consumers' goods to meet demands of purchasers.

Wages were not affected by the currency reform program, and the workers will receive the

Mark Bill of Rights Anniversary



Speaking during the services at St. Paul's church, Eastchester, New York, in observance of the 156th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights is Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn of Rockville Center, Long Island, New York. It was on the village green of Eastchester that the "Great Election" of 1733 was held. It subsequently led to the arrest of John P. Zenger, editor; his trial and his vindication.

same amount of rubles as they did previously. Rents remained the same. In Moscow rents have been traditionally low, with a two-room apartment here, utilities paid, costing about 100 rubles a month—about \$20.

Izvestia carried the announcement that the official rate of exchange remains at 5.3 rubles to the United States dollar. It was the first mention of the exchange rate since the announcement of the currency reform program. The diplomatic rate of exchange has been set at eight rubles to the dollar, instead of the old rate of 12.

Stores were piled high with foodstuffs and other consumers' goods in Moscow this morning. They opened earlier than usual. Prices were as low or lower than former rationed items and in most cases far below the old commercial or unrationed prices. Buying appeared to be on a large scale.

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Man Pulled From River Dies in Reading Hospital

READING, Dec. 16 (P)—James Degler, 78-year-old stonemason, who was pulled from the Schuylkill river under the Bingham street bridge on December 4, died today in Community General hospital where he has been confined since his rescue.

Degler died without telling police how he came to be in the murky water.

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Dr. Johnson, 'Red Dean,' Claims Right To Express Personal View on Socialism

LONDON, Dec. 16 (P)—Dr. Hewlett Johnson, widely-known as the "Red Dean" of Canterbury, replied to criticism by his archbishop to-night by saying that he had the "right" and "responsibility" as a Christian spokesman to express his Socialist views.

Earlier, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, the archbishop of Canterbury, rebuked Dr. Johnson in a public statement, saying:

"It is unfortunately the case that recent actions of the dean of Canterbury have given rise to widespread misunderstandings and misconceptions, both on the continent and in the United States, liable to affect the relations of the Church of England with foreign churches or countries."

He added that he had "neither the responsibility for what the dean may say or do nor the power to control it."

In his reply, the 73-year-old dean, acknowledged that he did not speak "for the official Church of England," said he was appointed in 1931 by Socialist Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald "precisely because I had long urged that Socialism was, in my view, not only scientific, but the logical consequence in our age of Christian morality."

"I thus naturally became a Christian spokesman within the Anglican church for the great mass

of English opinion in the mines, factories and fields which had elected as Socialist prime minister the man who appointed me dean of Canterbury," Dr. Johnson said.

"That Christian spokesmanhip placed at this heart of English-speaking Christendom was the Socialist prime minister's deliberate intention. That was also my desire. That is my right. That is my responsibility."

"And I am justified, in the discharge of that responsibility, to use all the weight that the honored name of Canterbury lends."

The dean, author of laudatory books on Soviet Russia and a member of the editorial board of the London Daily Worker, continued:

"Thus, while I agree that my narrower ecclesiastical jurisdiction is confined to the cathedral, I intend jealously to maintain my right to voice with such weight as my office affords this point of view of that great mass of Christian persons and others who, through their elected representatives, gave this office and

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charged me with this responsibility.

relative to a national church are sometimes overlooked. Were the Church of England disestablished (separated from the state) the position would be wholly different."

Dr. Fisher's public condemnation marked the second time in ten years the primate of all England has attacked Dr. Johnson publicly. Cosmo Gordon Lang, former archbishop, told the church assembly in 1937 he had "no responsibility for some recent actions and opinions" of the Red Dean, who at that time had denounced Generalissimo Franco and the German bombing of Guernica during the Spanish civil war.

GAS PRICES BOOSTED
TULSA, Okla., Dec. 16 (P)—Retail prices of gasoline here and elsewhere in Oklahoma rose today with some service station operators increasing prices one and one-half cents a gallon and others advancing quotations by two cents.

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Actress Claims Mate

Joel, 30, Is Deceased

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16 (AP)—Shirley Gloria Grahame of the films testified today that she lost 15 pounds because of her husband's jealousy — which went so far as objecting to her shaking hands with another man.

The Pasadena-born actress won an unexpected divorce from actor

Stanley Clements, whom she wed in Wichita Falls, Tex., in the Summer of 1943 while he was in the

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Christmas Is Theme Of Parties Held by Optimists, Lions

Festivities appropriate to the Christmas season ruled as the Pottstown Lions and Optimists clubs met last night.

The Lions club treated its members' children to dinner, gifts from Santa's cornucopia and an amateur variety show in its annual Christmas party.

The children were not the only ones, though, as mothers and members swelled the total to 135.

Santa provided candy, oranges and gifts to the youngsters who also witnessed magic tricks performed by Charlotte Anderson and Edith Youm.

The children of George N. Jacobs, 649 Summit lane, sang for the holiday party. They were Georganne, Claudette, Bonnie and George Jacobs.

Thirty-eight Optimists and Optimists, heard the Rev. James D. Matthei, pastor of the Searles Memorial Methodist church, narrate the Christmas story, and tell how it applied to modern life.

The Meister Singers, directed by Mrs. Norma G. Lepper, sang Yuletide music for the club members and their wives, while Elizabeth Koons, director of a local dramatic club, gave a group of readings.

An extra light touch was given last night's meeting as the men presented the women with small, but frequently comic, gifts.

Searchers Fail to Find Girl's Body in River

BLUE RIVER, Wis., Dec. 16 (P)—The Wisconsin river maintained its seven-months-long vigil over a little lost girl today as authorities told a dramatic story of how a savage killer finally cracked under the burden of her death.

For the third successive day, the roaring, ice-filled Blue river channel of the Wisconsin drove off searchers and dragging operations were suspended for several hours, then resumed after a new method of operation was determined at this spot yesterday. Buford Bennett, 22-year-old killer brought in chains from the State prison, pointed out where he had thrown the body of Georgia Jean Weckler, eight-year-old Fort Atkinson farm girl, the past May.

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Obituaries

ISABELLA GRANT IREY, wife of Isaac Grant Irey, of ROSE LAWN, DOUGLASSVILLE, died yesterday at her home.

She is survived by her husband; one son, I. Grant Irey, and one grandson, I. Grant Irey Jr., both of Douglassville.

Funeral services will be held this week at the convenience of the family. Interment will be made in West Laurel Hill cemetery.

Funeral services for GEORGI-ANNA (BINDER) LEVENGOD, of FOGLEYSVILLE, widow of William B. Levengod, were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from a funeral home at 404 High street.

Officiating was the Rev. John B. Frantz, pastor of Trinity Reformed church. Interment was made in Falkner cemetery, Swamp.

Bearers were Lawrence Leven- god, Walter Levengod, Earl Tussell and Charles Geist.

Death Stops Magician At Christmas Party

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16 (P)—Death moved in on the act to- night as A. T. Mascaro, 70-year-old magician, reached his paragonia of make-believe to entertain the children at Toner institute at a Christmas party.

Just 15 seconds before the curtain was to go up, Mascaro dropped dead of a heart attack.

The party was sponsored by the Behnhauer mortuary.

INJURIES PROVE FATAL CENTERVILLE, Ind., Dec. 16 (P)—A Greyhound bus and trailer truck collision near here last night claim- ed its third fatality today as James A. Lacey Jr., 21, of Clarksville, Pa., died in a Richmond hospital.

GM SECRETARY PASSES CRANFORD, N. J., Dec. 16 (P)—Lisle R. Beardslee, secretary of the General Motors corporation, returned today after 27 1/2 years with the com- pany.

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865th Replacement Co. to Be Activated As Reserve Unit Here Tomorrow Night

The 865th Replacement company of the Organized Reserve corps will be activated tomorrow in the YMCA building at 8 p. m. It was announced last night after the meeting there of Pottstown's three reserve units.

Capt. Neil B. Titler, 834 Queen street, will command the company. The activation ceremony will be conducted by Col. James B. Carroll, senior ORC instructor of the Eastern Pennsylvania Military district.

Other officers assigned to the company are Lt. George E. Boyer, 16 Rice street, Stowe; Lt. Carl Estreicher, 236 North Char- lotte street, and Lt. Kenneth M. Fleischmann, 238 Beech street.

Last night's meeting of the 865th Replacement company and the 236th Organized Reserve Composite group were addressed by Col. Charles A. Harberger, 131 King street, on "Combat Orders."

His talk stressed the need for estimating accurately the situations of the enemy and allies before re- ducing a combat order to writing.

Officers and men of Battery A, 904th Field Artillery battalion were addressed by Lt. Leon C. MacMul- len, Franklin apartments on "Con- struction and Functioning of an Ar- tillery Piece."

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Argentina Co-operates With Marshall Plan

Luis Molinari, chief Argentine dele- gate to the Havana trade confer- ence, said tonight his country was prepared to grant five billion dol- lars in loans to needy nations now that the big four foreign minis- ters conference has failed.

Molinari said at a press confer- ence that Argentina would make this offer for world peace as part

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of the Marshall plan.

"There cannot be any world peace unless aid is given now to nations that need help," he said.

"This is what Argentina offers to co-operate in the co-ordination of an effort toward a continental eco- nomic plan," he added.

A fourth of the American In- dian on U. S. reservations live in Oklahoma.

EXPRESS RATES HIKED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (P)—A 10 percent increase in important rates of the Railway Express agency was authorized today by the Trans- states Commerce commission, pro- vided shippers fail to protest.

In 1947, the annual U. S. death rate from appendicitis was reduced to 3.2 per 1000,000, less than one third what it was 10 years ago.

The name "Palestine" is the Phil- istine name for the country.

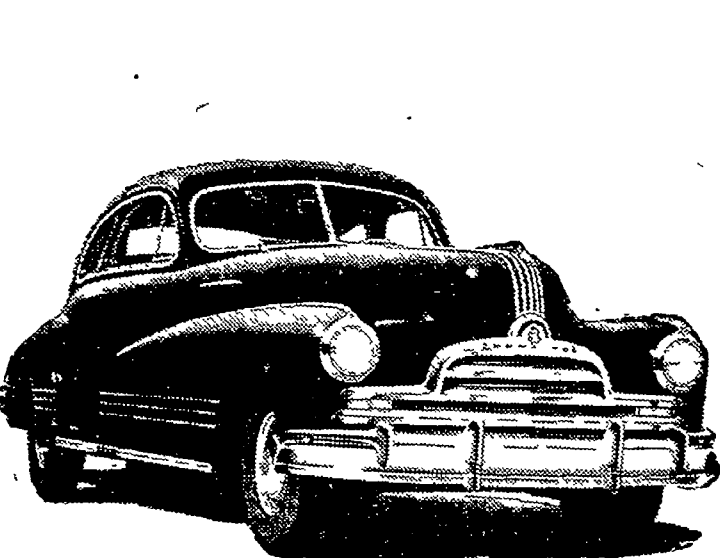
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AGED RECLUSE —

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small tree by a nine-foot chain big enough to haul trucks.

Davis said he thought his sons were over-excited when they first told him about the dogs. He added that he believed they were taking seriously a tale that the recluse ate coals.

But when they chopped down the small tree, and brought tree, chain and collar to him, he changed his mind.

He called police, who told him to turn the collar over to the Pottstown area SPCA shelter, run by Mrs. Walter Davidheiser, Halfway House.

Police and SPCA investigated, and decided the place needed a good raiding.

While the wheels of the law were swinging into motion, Urr went into action himself. He called on the Davis home, and offered 25 cents, 50 cents, then a dollar for the collar. No sale.

Then, Davis says, the recluse stood in front of the house, "putting a hex on it," making signs and mumbling incantations.

The hex failed, and the 12-person raiding party descended on his home at 9:30 o'clock last night.

The four small dogs were taken to the shelter, but two mother dogs and their puppies were left until this morning, because the mother refused to a dark corner of the two-story main building on the half-acre estate.

Around the yard were literally hundreds of boxes, cages, and shipping crates. SPCA officials said they thought these were used by Urr to send dogs to laboratories.

The main building contained, among a thousand other things, a reasonably new stove without any pipe. The walls and ceiling were crusted with half an inch of soot.

There were no clothes visible, but there was a clothes brush. There were piles of fine-looking dust-covered china, but no food in the cupboard except four boxes of spreading cheese and two boxes of oatmeal cookies.

But by the dogs' corners was a large can of assorted gleaning from garbage cans.

Pottstown police were awaiting word from the SPCA on what charges would be placed against Urr on his hearing today. They also were recalling the past exploits of the recluse.

He and his twin brother were known as "Mike and Ike" by police. "Mike," or maybe it was "Ike," was killed about four years ago in an automobile accident.

Aaron Urr continued the scavenging and dog business alone. He has appeared at borough hall a number of times, always in connection with dogs or scavenging. Recently he began besieging borough hall, demanding \$25 reimbursement for a sick dog of his shot by Motor Patrolman Lewis Borgiet.

At first he was threatened with real trouble, he protested he was just getting his money for the trip to Europe. But recently he announced he was going to become a citizen.

He approached Police Sgt. Anthony M. Herman and said he was going to apply for first papers. All he wanted to learn from Herman, the recluse said in broken English, was what form of government is in America. Herman got by this question, but foundered trying to explain to Urr the relation of Burgess Griffith to borough council.

The story about going home to Europe any day, also was told by Urr to Martin J. Falusi, Berks street, his landlord. Falusi bought the property recently and asked him to clean up the property Urr has rented, "since time immemorial, to put it briefly," as Herman said.

Falusi said his answer was always the same—"I go home to Hungary soon." The past week when Falusi asked him to sell the mountain of old papers, the man with \$1700 said he was waiting for a price a few cents higher.

Falusi added that he was confused about what grounds on which to evict a man who breeds

Seeders Is Re-Named Brookside President

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Floyd E. Seeders was elected to his fourth successive term as president of the board of governors of Brookside Country club at the annual reorganization meeting last night. Seeders has been a member of the board for 13 years.

Elmer J. Jackson and W. Elwood Schmeier were elected to their fourth straight terms as first and second vice president, respectively.

Two new officers were chosen by the 17 governors, all of whom were present at the club. Benjamin H. Longaker becomes secretary, and Dr. Karl R. Stone is the new treasurer. Assistant treasurer will be George T. Arms, who served in the treasurer's post for 16 years.

It was announced that the Christmas buffet dinner party would be held Dec. 21 at 5 p. m. at the club, and that plans are being made for the annual New Year's Eve party.

BUILDING FALLS —

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lookers in fear that the weakening of the structure would send outside walls tumbling into the streets.

Only about one-fourth of the interior of the building was involved. Electric lights still shone in other parts of the structure.

The scene was the Empire building, formerly known as the Mt. Vernon apartments, at 9th street and New York avenue. N. W. about midway between the Capitol and the White House and a few blocks north of Pennsylvania avenue.

The building, an old structure, covers nearly a quarter of a block, fronting half a block on New York avenue and half a block on 9th street.

The first floor is occupied by business establishments and the upper seven by apartments. There was no immediate guess as to the number of persons in the building.

Police at the scene said about a fourth of the structure was affected, a large apparently centering around a center stair well. Collapsed floors of the lower five stories were visible from outside.

More than half an hour after the first alarm rescue crews were still bringing out occupants. One man was borne out wrapped in a sheet. At least one infant was carried out by rescue squads.

Police said others were still inside. Fear was expressed by firemen that the front of the building might collapse into the street on account of the weakened interior.

PCA CHAIRMAN DISAGREES

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP) — The Progressive Citizens of America announced tonight it had voted to urge Henry A. Wallace to run as an independent candidate for President and that as a result Dr. Frank Kingdon, PCA co-chairman, resigned from the organization.

dogs for mysterious purposes, but pays his \$2.50 rent every month.

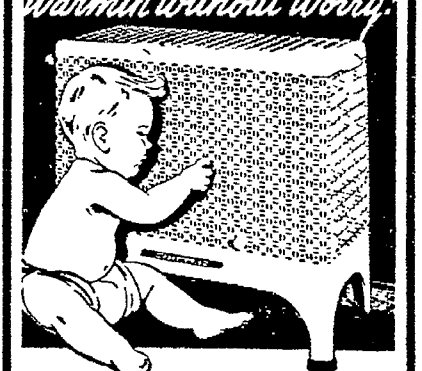
The answer to Falusi's problem and to several questions about dogs and dog-skins are expected to come out in today's hearing.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Davidheiser said the four fat, cute little dogs are eligible for adoption. Anyone calling at the SPCA shelter will have his choice of at least four Christmas presents.

Prosecutors at today's hearings will be Mrs. Doris E. Beasley, Ambler, president of Montgomery county SPCA, and Mrs. H. A. Heiligman, Norristown SPCA member.

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FOREIGN AID —

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Keefe shouted in an impassioned half-hour speech.

Even as the final aid figure was being threshed out, State department officials reported that arrangements are being made to speed emergency coal and wheat to France under the aid program.

These officials said a \$150,000,000 advance authorized by Congress in approving the measure last week may pay for initial cargoes already on the high seas.

First shipments of wheat and coal for Italy probably will start late this month.

To keep a steady supply of food and fuel flowing to France, the State department has made plans to keep track of goods arriving overseas beginning tomorrow.

These supplies, which were ordered by the French in expectation of American financial assistance to pay for them.

An appropriations bill sent to the House floor where it was scheduled for a possible vote tomorrow, cut France's share of the Winter relief program from \$328,000,000 to \$262,000,000 and Italy's from \$211,000,000 to \$189,000,000.

A \$38,000,000 allocation asked by the Truman administration for Austria was left unchanged. The committee said some of the \$88,000,000 cut from the program might be given to China if it is decided to start an aid program there.

Chairman Taber (R-NY) of the appropriations committee charged the administration with "slight-of-hand" tactics, declaring that some of the aid funds requested were not for relief but to enable France and Italy to pay "debts to other nations."

"We most definitely will not accept the Administration's attempt to charge up French and Italian foreign services, and entertainment connected therewith, to the relief of needy people," Taber said in a statement.

Local Youth Injured In Crash at Easton

Robert Gingrich, 18, of 51 Chestnut street, was thrown out of an open car door onto the street last night as the automobile in which he was riding collided with another car in Easton.

Gingrich was taken to Easton hospital, suffering from shock and minor cuts and bruises. X-rays showed there were no broken bones.

The accident occurred while a car load of Pottstown boys were returning from the high school basketball game. The collision was a minor one, at a crossing near Easton High school.

Those who escaped injury in the crash included John Bryman, the driver, 616 Chestnut street, and Gordon Musser, 508 North Evans street.

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Kiwanians Start Voting To Select 1948 Project

Seventy members of the Kiwanis club began voting on selection of their major project for 1948 at a business meeting held last night in the Elks home.

The field of 11 possible subjects was narrowed to three, and from those, one will be selected, probably at the Dec. 30 meeting.

In addition to the balloting, last night's session was turned over to a program of group singing of Christmas music, in charge of Leon Huber, chairman of the music committee.

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SENATE BILL —

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Inflation at the regular session beginning in January.

"My theory is to give them (the administration) power to handle the situation voluntarily until we can get back here and see how it is working out," Taft said.

The Taft measure is identical to the House-spurred bill except that it does not contain the section requiring larger gold reserves in Federal Reserve banks. It calls for voluntary industry-wide agreements to distribute scarce commodities under temporary suspension of anti-trust laws and extension of export controls and authority over transportation.

The Senate banking committee wrote in two amendments to the Taft bill. One would restore the President's wartime powers to restrict the use of grain in liquor production. This is now being done by a voluntary agreement of the industry.

The other amendment removes a section that would have permitted voluntary agreements "providing for the marketing of livestock and poultry at weights and grades that represent the most efficient utilization of grain."

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FOREIGN MINISTERS —

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over the fate of Germany and Austria.

Two and a half years of inconclusive and acrimonious Big Four attempts to work out a settlement for Europe appeared to be ended. There were no signs of efforts toward resumption.

Many believed the East and West had embarked on an economic and political conflict and were making all haste to get their policies into action.

Secretary Marshall, who usually returns immediately to Washington after any international conference, tarried in London.

After talking all day with his advisers he met with Bidault.

It was understood the American secretary of state had before Bidault for study a general outline of the United States position on such a merger.

The informants said the outline includes a proposal for French participation in the Ruhr on a basis of a majority vote having the controlling decision. These sources said the United States would refuse any Ruhr proposal which would give France any "veto" power to block action.

The other main French demand that a separate regime

be established for the Rhineland was expected to be bypassed for the present. The United States position was that as long as military government is in Germany—which is for the foreseeable future—no special regime is necessary and the question can be postponed for a future date.

Both the United States and Britain have already agreed to incorporation of the Saar into the French economy. Prior to the talk with Marshall, Bidault told newsmen: "There can be no profitable merger and there can be no merger which are unprofitable. We will accept the first but not the second."

There appear to be few blocks in the way of quick agreement to merge the zones. The French zone with 6,000,000 Germans is a deficit area and a financial burden for France. The zone's manufacturing potential is small and it cannot compete with the American zone.

The American and British view point the chief major advantage of the merger is political unity in the west.

REFUTES CONFESSION

ATLANTA, Dec. 16 (AP) — Isaiah Grimes, 27-year-old Negro farmer, has repudiated an officially reported confession that he burned two Negro churches and a Negro school at Loganville, Ga., his attorney said tonight.

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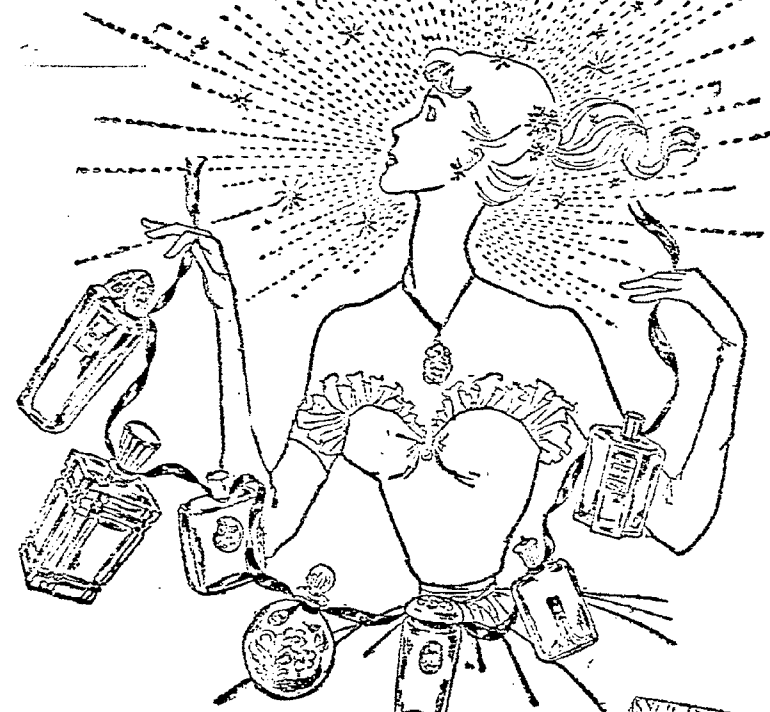
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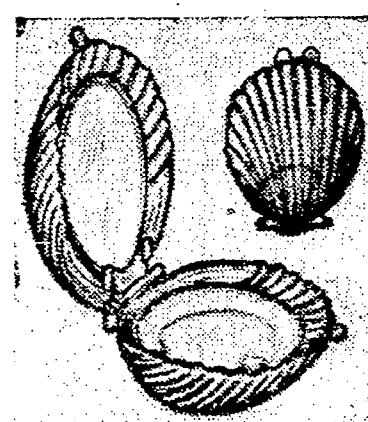
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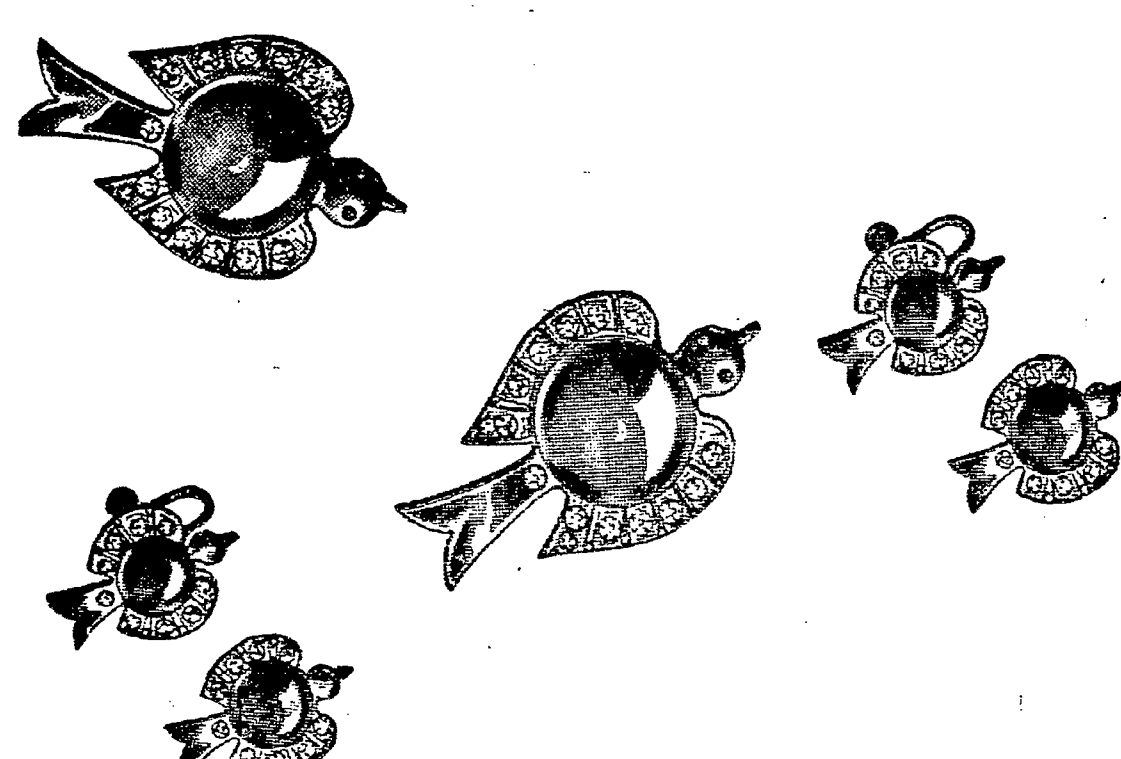
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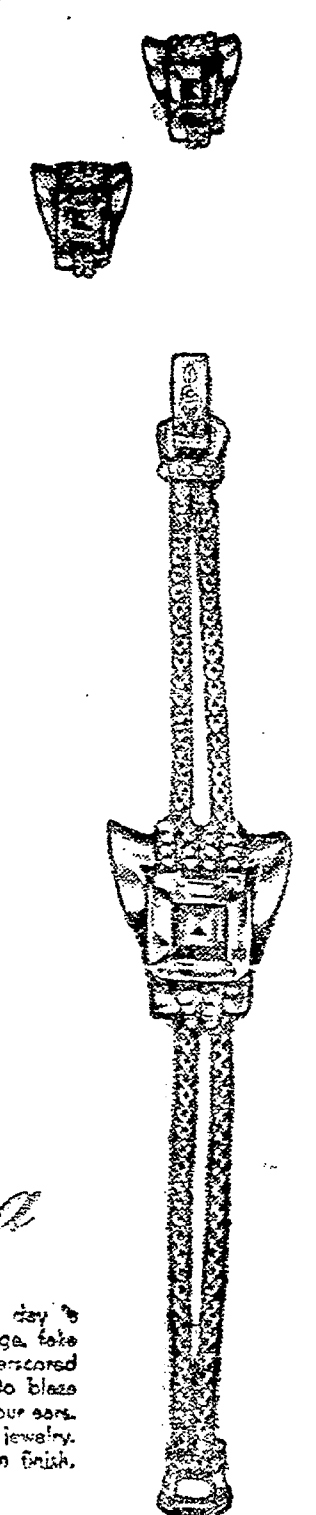
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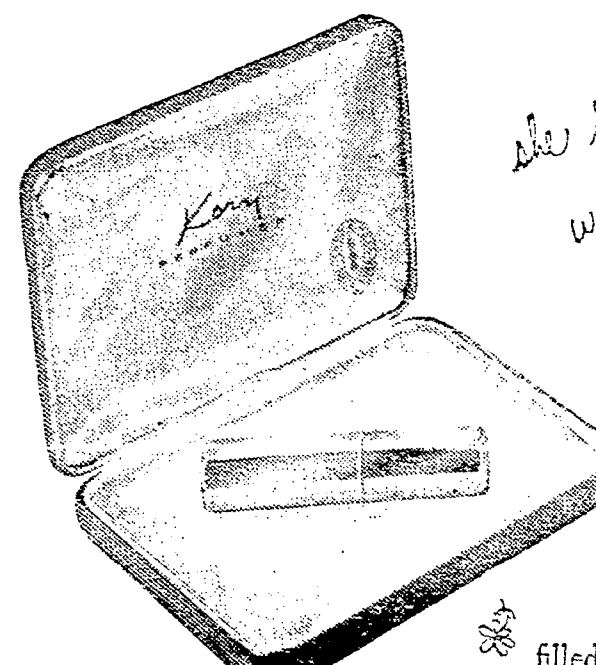
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German Leaders Eye Western Unity

Top Political Groups Accept Bid to Parley With Allied Officials

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 16 (AP)—The principal political leaders of the British and American zones took stock of the breakup of the foreign ministers conference today and agreed on the basic plan for the creation of a western Germany.

Meeting behind closed doors, without the Communists, the leaders of the Christian Social Union, Social Democrat, Liberal Democrat and Centrum parties announced the leaders of the two zones had accepted an invitation to a conference with the British and American zone commanders, probably Saturday.

Out of this conference with Gens. Lucius D. Clay and Sir Brian Robertson, American and British military governors, may emerge a political organization for the two zones to which the French zone may adhere later. At any rate, the Germans expect to learn just how far they may go.

Invited to the conference are Dr. Erich Koehler, chairman of the bi-zonal economics council, his aides and the eight minister presidents of the two zones.

The German leaders said they had mapped a detailed campaign designed to combat Soviet propaganda and influence in Germany and attract 17,000,000 Germans in the Russian zone away from Communism.

Their plans, they said, call for a democratically-elected government dedicated to "Western ideas and principles of freedom," which would always leave its doors open to the East provided that liberty is paramount.

They said they had agreed to Gens. Clay and Robertson:

1. They wish to avoid any suggestion they are creating a "western German state" and that Germany is forever divided between East and West.

2. Nevertheless, they recognize that the London conference failed, that Germany remains not united, and "50,000,000 people in the western zones must be in a position to live and work."

3. A sound economy must be established. This can be achieved only by reorganization of the present bi-zonal economic council, which originally was conceived as an "economic parliament."

4. A "provisional parliament" is necessary.

Senate Okays Trio To NLRB Berths

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—President Truman's selections for the re-organized National Labor Relations board won Senate confirmation today without even a record vote but after six months delay.

Approved for the new \$12,000-a-year—places created by the Taft-Hartley act, are: Abe Murdock, former Democratic senator from Utah, as a board member for a five year term; J. Copeland Gray of New York, former industrial relations official in private business, as a board member for two years, and Robert N. Denham, former trial examiner

FIVE ARE KILLED IN PALESTINE

Four Jews and Arab Die as Police Units Of Both Sides Clash

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16 (AP)—Camel-riding Arab police and Jewish settlement enforcement officers clashed in three furious battles in the Holy Land's southern desert today and four Jews and one Arab were officially reported killed in the heavy fighting.

Civilians of both factions, including Arab desert tribesmen, also engaged in the battles which centered about the Jewish settlements of Halutza, Revivim and Beth Eshel. The death toll in the three clashes brought to 259 the number of persons killed in Palestine since the United Nations decided Nov. 29 to partition the Holy Land into separate Arab and Jewish states.

Hagana, the Jewish defense army, said the uniformed Arab fighters who subjected the three settlements to repeated attacks were sharpshooters of the Palestine Police Camel corps.

Earlier, Hagana claimed to have trapped and destroyed a large force of Arabs in an encounter five miles north of Petah Tiqva.

A Hagana spokesman said the Arabs, believed to be a scouting party from the Arab village of Tul-karm, were first sighted north of Tel Aviv. They were pursued northward and took refuge in a group of abandoned houses where Hagana fighters surrounded them, the spokesman said.

There was no confirmation of such a clash from Arab sources. In Jerusalem tonight two British police sergeants were seriously wounded by gunfire. There were conflicting police reports over the origin of the attack. One said that "probably" Jews fired at the police, while another blamed the attack on Arabs in a stolen armored car.

Hagana and the Arab "people's army," as yet unnamed, appeared to be sparring for opening holds in the struggle over the creation of an independent Jewish state.

Hagana guns continued a two-day duel with Arab snipers in Tel Erresh, south of Tel Aviv. Withdrawal of British and Arab police from Tel Aviv was completed this afternoon and Hagana security forces operated unimpeded.

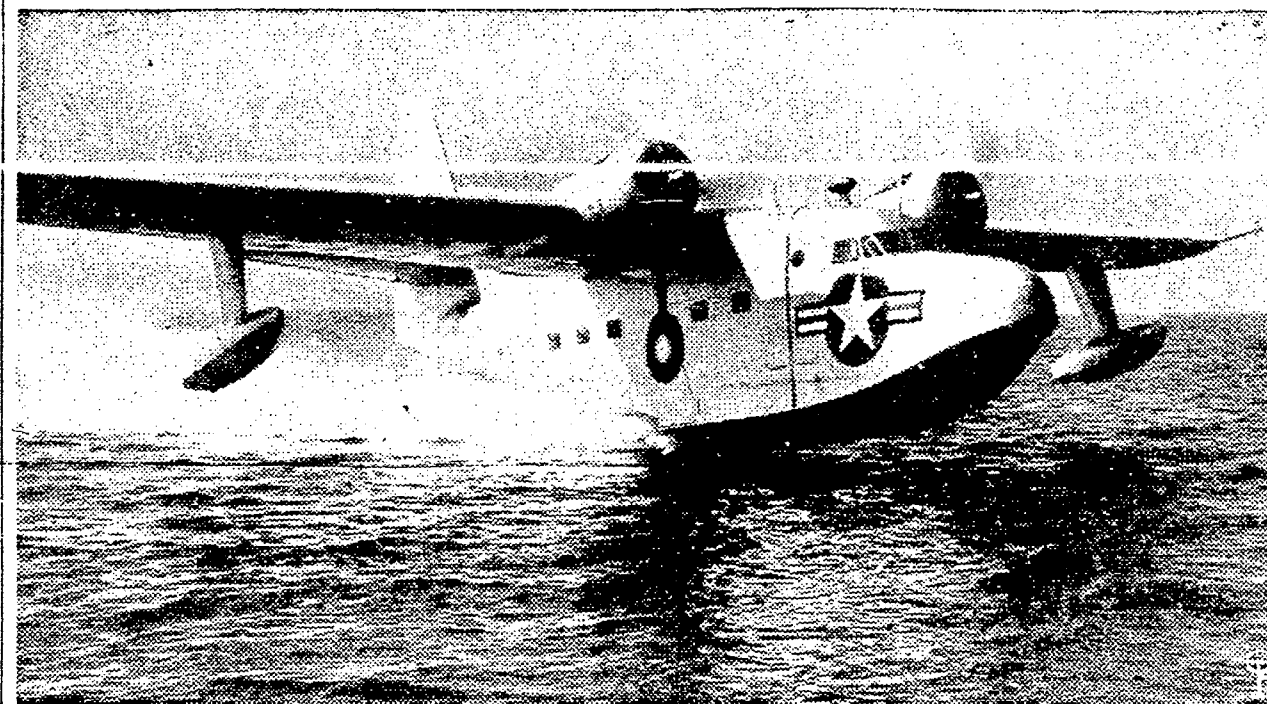
One of Hagana's first duties was direction of a funeral for 12 Jews slain by guns of Trans-Jordan's Arab legion Sunday in Beit Nabala. The legion is on police duty in Palestine for the British. An estimated 20,000 Jews followed the procession, which was routed through side streets because, said a Hagana spokesman, "we are now at war and we do not want to arouse tears and mourning."

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Navy's New Amphibian Is Four-Purpose Plane



Designed as a four-purpose "work-horse" for the U. S. Navy, a new twin-engine amphibian plane, the "Albatross," is shown during a test landing on choppy water. It can be operated on the open sea in air-sea rescue work; it is capable of rough water operations, or it can be used as a personnel or cargo transport in multi-engine seaplane training. Product of extensive research, it normally carries a crew of three, but can take 14 passengers. In rescue work, 16 litter passengers are carried. U. S. Navy photo.

Knutson's Tax Cut Program Slated for Airing Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) of the House ways and means committee, will introduce another income tax reduction bill, probably on Thursday, Speaker Martin (R-Mass) said today.

Martin made the announcement after the House Republican steering committee heard Knutson explain his measure, which is expected to call for an income tax cut of about \$5,300,000,000 a year. Two similar bills, killed with vetoes earlier this year, would have slashed taxes about \$4,000,000,000.

Martin said the Republican leadership has not yet taken a policy stand on Knutson's new bill. Congressional action on it is expected to be deferred until the regular session.

Knutson meanwhile issued a statement predicting that Congress will approve tax-cutting legislation in January, also that "we'll cut spending again." Those two steps, he declared, "should serve as the cornerstone for the policy to combat inflation."

The Minnesotan said that the solid Democratic vote in the House yesterday against the Republican anti-inflation bill "proves that the minority party is more interested in fastening regimentation upon the people than in helping to lower prices."

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4 DIE IN SEA TRAGEDY

MANASQUAN INLET, N. J., Dec. 16 (AP)—Four persons were known dead and three others were missing today after the fishing boat Paramount V with 16 men aboard capsized in heavy seas in an attempt to gain the safety of Manasquan inlet.

OIL POOL DISCOVERED

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—The discovery of a new oil pool in Wise county, Texas, was announced today by Cities Service Oil company.

Delegates Say Reds To Remain in U. N.

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 16 (AP)—Russia will step up the tempo of her propaganda output through the United Nations but will not change her policies here because of the foreign ministers' break in London, key U. N. delegates and officials predicted today.

The consensus of delegates and observers was that the U. N. will go ahead according to its present plans. No one expressed the view that the Russians will get out of the assembly, the Security council or the Atomic Energy commission.

On the contrary, several informed persons said Soviet delegates would increase their activities on these basic organs but would continue their boycott of practically all other U. N. bodies, including the trusteeship council and the "little assembly" convening here Jan. 5.

Vitamins have been shown to have an effect on some forms of insanity.

This nation to the dangerous condition it faces today," he added.

Telegraphers Reject \$22 Bonus Proposal By Western Union

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16 (AP)—The Commercial Telegraphers Union said tonight the Western Union Telegraph company had offered its 50,000 AFL employees a 1947 bonus of about \$22 each and a wage increase but that the proposal had been immediately rejected as "insulting."

The company proposal, announced by the union with no comment from the company, was the first since negotiations began the past Sept. 16.

It terminated a meeting arranged by the U. S. Conciliation service in hopes of averting a nation-wide telegraphers strike next Tuesday—two days before Christmas.

Adolph Brungs, president of the Western Union division of the Commercial Telegraphers union, said the company offered a \$1,000,000 bonus to be "split among our men, amounting to exactly \$22.72 per person."

Brungs declared the wage increase "covers only 9029 of the AFL workers and if divided among all our people would amount to an hourly boost of seven-tenths of one cent a person."

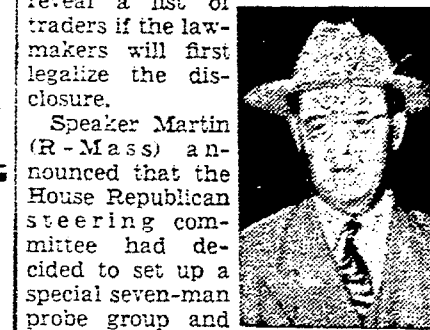
Benefitting by the pay hike, Brungs said, "would be 4455 workers who would get five cents, 1429 who would get four, 1021 who'd get three, 1270 two and 864 one. The other 40,000—nothing."

STRIKE SET IN SICILY

ROME, Dec. 16 (AP)—The provincial chamber of labor at Catania, Sicily, declared a general strike effective at midnight tonight in a demand for unemployment relief.

Anderson Wants to Identify Traders on Commodity Mart

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—A congressional investigation of "speculation on the commodity markets" was slated today as Secretary of Agriculture Anderson offered to reveal a list of traders if the lawmakers will first legalize the disclosure.



McNair

Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) announced that the House Republican steering committee had decided to set up a special seven-man probe group and that a resolution creating the House committee would be put through before the special session adjourns.

Anderson proposed that Congress pass legislation permitting publication of the names of all traders on commodity markets, including members of Congress as well as officials of the Executive departments. His suggestion was made in a letter to Senator Bridges (R-NH), chairman of the Senate appropriations committee.

The whole matter was touched off by statements made by Harold E. Stassen, Minnesota candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, that Edwin W. Pauley had been utilizing his governmental position to guide him in grain speculation.

Pauley, special assistant to Secretary of the Army Royal, appeared before Bridges' committee and denied this, saying that he had suffered a \$100,000 loss in selling grain holdings upon appointment to the Army post.

Stassen maintained that Pauley was only one of several "insiders" who profited by grain dealings through governmental contracts.

Bridges then called on Anderson to reveal names of traders on a list which the Agriculture depart-

ment keeps. Anderson, however, insisted that such information gathered by the Commodity Exchange administration could not be revealed according to present law.

Anderson's suggestion to Bridges late today that Congress pass joint resolution to permit disclosure of such names came after he had conferred with President Truman. He declared he felt confident the Chief Executive would sign the resolution if Congress sent it to him.

The contemplated special House committee would investigate trading in commodities in general, as well as grain, Martin said. It probably will be headed by Rep. representative August H. Andresen (R-Minn.).

Andresen said "If I have anything to do with it there will be a full dress investigation." The committee would have power to command the presence of witnesses and to subpoena books and records, he added.

MALAYA HIT BY FLOODS

SINGAPORE, Wednesday, Dec. 17 (AP)—The worst floods since 1926 were reported from northern Malaya today. Thousands of dollars' damage to villages and rice crops were reported along the Kelantan river.

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Annual Christmas Operetta Presented By Pupils of Norco Elementary Schools

"A Wooden Shoe Christmas," an operetta, was presented last night in the Norco High school auditorium by the children of the four elementary schools of North Coventry.

The operetta conveyed the idea that although the children of Holland and other countries celebrated Christmas in a manner foreign to American children, St. Nick and Santa Claus were there just the same. It also brought out the fact that all the American Christmas customs, except the eating of turkey, are a combination of the customs of many different nations.

Miss Verna M. Orr, supervisor of music, was in charge of the program with the aid of Miss. Ann Knauer, Mrs. Madeline Lamore, Mrs. Anne Pwyer, Mrs. Irma Gordon, Mrs. Sara Hacker and Mrs. Kathryn Rothenberger, teachers of the elementary schools.

Miss Vernice E. Eagle, accompanied the group. The authentic and colorful costumes were made by the students of the home economics class of the North Coventry High school, under the direction of Miss Joyce High, teacher.

Music was provided by the rhythm band of the first grade prior to the opening of the operetta. Members were Thomas Frame, Eugene Ingram, Catherine Biedler, Joan Henry, Franklin Keim, Edward Shaffer, Joseph Evans, Douglas Keim, John Tressler, Benjamin Wade, Shirley Shaffer, Patricia Ann Baker, Ronald Miller, Christine Rosborough and Ernest Mook.

Also Jacqueline Bivren, Gregory Stanson, John Loomis, Todd Ellis, Margaret Bertotti, Gale Anderson, Edward Kulp, Patricia Ann Kirby, Judy Banks, Bruce Wagner, Faye Scheidt and Gladys Stavrosky.

Members of the cast included Larry McAfee, Jean Ann Kerper, Donald Laverly, Nancy Orandosh, Frederick Harley, Barbara Kulp, Barbara Pike, Joan Lucas, William Root, Gary Shaner, Jerry Tumble, John Bower, Betty Lou Moyer, Ruth Kulp, Barbara Lloyd, Helen George, Horace Smith, Bobby Creasy, David Harner, Joyce Layman, Barbara Goss, Mary Ruth Hahn and Joyce Richards.

Skaters were Helen Kulp, Patricia Hipple, Joan Torak, Deanna Batdorf, Joan Lucas, Barbara Pike, Gladys Shrum, Elaine Reifsnider, John Horosky, William Root, Charles Lightcap, Ralph Hohl, John Brown, Enos Keller, Kenneth Bealer and David Lawless.

Carolers who provided music between acts were Richard Keller, Jane Moyer, Darlene Frederick, Fay Arion, Hazel Biedler, Donna Boyer, Barbara Webster, Paul Jones, Betty Lou Nimmerich, Janet Kulp, Kathleen Collins, Elsie Mae Houck, Janet Brown, James Boyer, Carl Hoffacker, Roland Faust, Richard Gerhart, Barbara Moyer, Robert Cisk, Nancy Spotts, Darlene Miller, Kent Darlington, Ruth Gorman, James Oleka, Carol Mary Biedler, Daniel Davis, Lorraine Jones, Phyllis Dahms and Edna Mae Dawson.

Also Raymond Salata, Virginia Camaho, Russell Klick, Pauline Ayres, Barbara Browner, Louise Ritter, Patricia Kinckner, Richard Loughlin, Shirley Landis, Carol Ann Stavrosky, Irene Yergey, Mary Ann Camaho, George Latch, Jeanne Miller, Diana Levegood, Gladys Keeler, Theresa Cisarik, Mildred Luft, Ruth Ann Riley and Mary Ann Kazimer.

And Suzanne Kirby, Carole Lee Pekar, Claudette Rondum, Fay Faust, Doria Faye Darlington, Kathryn Evans, Lois Hess, George Sheasley, Sandra Lee Rondum, Charles Miller, Sandra Lee Neft, Mary Lou Latch, Paul Davis, Mark Creasy, Betty Yusko, Arthur Levegood, David Knauer, Kay Hipple and Jeanette Kully.

Century Club to See Christmas Program

Thus afternoon at 2:15 o'clock members of the Century club will be entertained by the program committee headed by Mrs. Irvin W. March, chairman, at the annual Christmas program and party.

Aides are Mrs. F. M. Halston, Mrs. William Hoar, Mrs. David Todd Jones, Mrs. Maurice Mosheim, Mrs. Edwin S. Orr, Mrs. Sidney Pollack and Mrs. Ralph H. Spare Jr.

Tea will also be served by the tea committee with Mrs. William Weiss, chairman and Mrs. Howard Bartholomew, co-chairman.

Woman's Club Holds Christmas Party In Library Hall

Mrs. George Emery past president of the Women's club of Spring City and a member of the Hathaway club of Philadelphia, gave a reading called "The Well and the Star" last night at the annual Christmas party held by the Pottstown Woman's club in Library hall.

Miss Florence A. Erb, president, presided over the meeting, at which time it was decided to donate a package to the Care society in Philadelphia.

The hall was attractively decorated with green and red candles and evergreens were also seen on the card tables.

Mrs. Harold Glenn, as Santa Claus, distributed the gifts.

Christmas carols were sung by the group under the direction of Miss Florence Wien.

Following the meeting card games were enjoyed and prizes won.

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Admitted: Carl Landis, New Berlinville, surgical; Mrs. Mary Jane Egan, 258 East street, maternity; Alan Penrose, 331 South Hanover street, maternity; Myrtle Geschwind, 1040 South street, surgical; Theresa Pasco, Stowe, medical.

Discharged: Mrs. Marcelle Miller, 598 Walnut street, maternity; Mrs. Mary Craig, 839 Cross street, maternity; Frances Davidheiser, Douglassville, surgical; Esther Devine, Pottstown RD 2, surgical; Raymond Haas, Pottstown RD 4, surgical; Howard Wampole, Pottstown RD 2, medical.

MEMORIAL
Admitted: John Nestorick Jr., Glen Moore, surgical; Mrs. Clara Achatz, 40 West Fourth street, medical; Henry Troxel, Royersford, surgical; Walter Wene, Spring City, surgical; Samuel Perrucci, 413 South street, surgical.

Discharged: Mrs. Mabel Sparr, Elverson, maternity; Mrs. Anna Berticetto, Collegeville, surgical; Mrs. Margaret Leister, 437 Beech street, surgical; Russell Strunk, 839 South street, medical.

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CLUB NEWS

YOUR BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

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Today
Alvin Hinkel, son of Mr. Joseph Hinkel, 128 Walnut street.

Cleta Shellenberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Shellenberger, 517 North Franklin street.

Bertha Belle Miles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Miles, 207 West street.

Joan S. Banks, niece of Miss Katie Banks, 412 Beech street.

Robert C. Christman, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Kenneth Christman, 608 North Evans street.

Walter J. DeKalb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. DeKalb, 31 West Fifth street.

John Koons, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Koons, 742 Spruce street.

Kenneth Boyer, 713 Walnut street.

Elizabeth Ann Peiffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Peiffer, 673 Hawthorne avenue.

Charles Mest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mest, Pottstown RD 4.

Patsy Ruth Whalen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Whalen, 225 Beech street.

Ann Chaplin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Chaplin, 348 Walnut street.

Gail Hurter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hurter, 68 North Adams street.

Mrs. Barbara Cushman, Linfield.

Mrs. Phyllis Raab, Pottstown RD 1.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Applications for marriage licenses were made at the Montgomery county courthouse, Norristown, by: Paul Tascione, 449 South street, and Mary Sakutiti, Bridgeport.

William J. McClam, and Loretta C. Wolle, both of Pottstown.

Applications for marriage licenses were made at Elkton, Md., by: John H. Godshall, Spring City, and Emma Piercy, Royersford.

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Candlelight Service Held in Searles Methodist Church With Christmas Theme

An impressive candlelight service was held last night in Searles Methodist church under the direction of Mrs. Horace Ebert, chairman of the program committee.

The Christmas story was presented in a movie film shown by the Rev. Herbert R. Howells, of Philadelphia. He also gave readings and sang "In Old Judea," "O, Come All Ye Faithful" and "O, Little Town of Bethlehem."

The Rev. Howells also gave an appropriate reading on keeping Christmas in one's heart by blotting out hatred and jealousy of fellow-men.

Christmas carols were sung by the group.

Mrs. Walter Myers, president of the WSCS, also gave an address after which she was presented with gifts amounting to \$875 from the three church circles. Mrs. Raymond Stevens presented the gift from the Ruth class; Mrs. Edgar Ebert, the Sarah class and Miss Winifred Smith, the Rachel class.

Approximately 150 persons were present at the program, which was given in the schoolroom of the church and amplified by a loud speaker system.

Holly wreaths and clusters of silver bells were seen amid the white candles which decorated the tables. Individual greens were used as place cards.

Mrs. James D. Matchette, chairman of the social committee, was in charge of the refreshments served.

Annual Christmas Party Staged by Moose Bowlers

More than 100 persons attended the first annual Christmas party staged by members of the Chevrolet and Jeeps teams, members of the Moose bowling league, last night at the Moose home.

Dutch luncheon was served during the program which featured music by Steiner's hillbilly orchestra, of Hazleton.

George Pender was master of ceremonies. Nelson Vaughan, of the Chevrolet team, presented a vocal solo, "Jingle Bells." Prothonotary Earl B. Bechtel, who substituted on the Jeeps during the bowling match, spoke briefly.

Chevrolet won the league match, three points to one.

John Koval, captain of the Jeeps, and John Swavely, captain of the Chevrolet squad, were in charge of arrangements for last night's program.

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Christmas Play Staged by Pupils For Wyndcroft PTA

Wyndcroft pupils of the second and third grades presented a Christmas play yesterday afternoon to parents and friends at a PTA meeting.

Mrs. A. P. Saunders, president, presided over the meeting.

The play was under the direction of Miss Angeline Overholtzer and Mrs. Ralph Mellen was in charge of the music.

Students participating in the play were Nancy VanBuskirk, Freddie Shade, George Whiteley, Alexander Seldomay, Vicki Evans, Judy Gochnauer, Anna Rae Fillman, David Hottenstein, Edwin Smith, Larry Ackerman, Jay Beriman, George Steinrock, Edwin Hartenstine, Judy Ferree, Marjorie Ferree, Conuela Crowell, Fay Gauger and Barbara Ferree.

Ted Wenrich and Billy Whitley were in charge of the property.

Christmas Party Staged In Episcopal Parsonage

Toys for the Salvation Army were donated by members of the Women's club of the Christ Episcopal church Monday night at a short business meeting and Christmas party in the parsonage.

Mrs. Charles Gochnaur, president, presided over the meeting.

Games were played and prizes were won by Mrs. Arnold Watson, Mrs. Ann Nyman, Mrs. James Henry, Mrs. Morison Blake and Mrs. George Laneker. The group was led in singing Christmas carols by Mrs. Gochnaur.

Refreshments were served to the 20 members and friends present by Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Gochnaur and Mrs. Melvin Pierce, members of the refreshment committee.

Social Calendar

Lady Orioles—Meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at the Orioles home. Members were asked to bring Christmas gifts and Pollyannas will also be exchanged. Refreshments will be served.

Grace Lutheran Missionary Society—Meeting tonight at 7:45 o'clock at the Grace Lutheran church for Christmas program and party. Gifts will be exchanged.

Adult Missionary society of Emmanuel Lutheran Church—Meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the church. Members were asked to bring their gifts for missionary work in Puerto Rico.

North Coventry WCTU—Meeting this afternoon at 2 o'clock in Parkerford Baptist church for annual Christmas party.

Women's guild of St. John's Evangelical and Reformed church—Meeting today in the church.

BIRTHS

Congratulations are being received by Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Penrose of 331 South Hanover street, on the birth of a son yesterday in Pottstown hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bean, of 258 East street, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son yesterday in Pottstown hospital.

A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Psota, of Maywood, Ill., in Oak Park hospital, Oak Park, Ill. Mr. Psota is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Psota, 60 South Charlotte street.

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Christmas Symbols of Foreign Lands Described at BPW Club Holiday Party

Christmas symbols of many foreign lands were described by carolers last night at the annual Christmas party of the Business and Professional Women's club in the Clover Leaf restaurant.

The music committee assisted by the flower committee was in charge of the meeting. Members of the music committee are Mrs. Peg Nagle, Mrs. Naomi Astheimer, Mrs. Bertha Maraffie, Miss Elizabeth Mayer, Miss May Zizza with Miss Myrna Fry as leader.

Mrs. Stelletta Keck is chairman of the flower committee.

The carolers were Mrs. Velma Bieffen, Mrs. Astheimer, Miss Zizza, Mrs. Peg Halston and guest singer, Miss Ann Guenther, contralto soloist.

Novel and impressive singing was sung by the carolers. Miss Fry accompanied the group at the piano. However, several songs were sung without instrumental accompaniment.

Mrs. Bieffen, president, presided over the business meeting.

Seasonal greens amid red and white candles and berries served as the table decorations. There were also two Christmas trees. A white tree electrically illuminated and a pine tree with holiday trimmings.

Santa Claus was also present and gave gifts to the members.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Bieffen sang "Silent Night," by candlelight.

It was announced that a card party will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 13th at the home of Mrs. Peggy Betten, 140 King street, with Mrs. Lou Williams as co-hostess.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 27 at the Clover Leaf restaurant under the direction of the legislative committee with Miss Edwardine Tyson, chairman.

Guest speaker will be the Hon.

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Advice to the Lovelorn Young Man's Incredible Story

SOMETIMES I get a letter that I find it hard to believe was written seriously. It seems as though the writer must have dreamed up the situation he describes, just to see what I'd say.

On the other hand, some of the situations which the letters deal with are so fantastic that it seems impossible they could have been imagined.

One such, which I have just received, is from a young man whose attitude toward the girl he married is something like this: "I have no name. To my way of thinking, he is one of the most thoroughgoing cads who has ever taken the trouble to write me."

In brief, this is his story: He and the girl who later became his wife were childhood friends, but apparently never seriously interested in each other. While he was in service, she married to escape an unhappy home situation, but lived with her first husband only about six weeks. Then she divorced him on the ground of infidelity.

Because this girl and the man who wrote me the letter had been friends in childhood and still lived in the same town, it was not surprising that they should resume their old acquaintance when he was discharged from the service. As time went on, she confided in him that, following her divorce, she had had an affair with a friend of his.

"I thought a lot of her until I found this out," my correspondent writes. "Nevertheless, I kept going with her. I then married her with the understanding that we would get a divorce after our baby was born."

The baby is now about six months old, and our gallant young man is trying to collect on his wife's pre-

marital promise to divorce him once the baby was given his father's name. The wife, however, so far from being willing to go through with the plan, is doing everything she possibly can, even to the point of threatening suicide, to retain her married status.

"She loves me very much," says my correspondent. "I am sure of that. But I am not in love with her. I have a very deep feeling for her, but I know I can never forget what has happened. She is a good girl; she'd never step out on me or even flirt; I am sure of this. But she is very jealous of me. She says she doesn't want to live if she can't live with me. On the other hand, she says she doesn't want to deprive me of happiness, yet she is not willing to give me up. Knowing what I do, I am sure I can never love her. Please tell me how to go about getting a divorce without hurting her."

To that last, there is obviously only one reply, which is that there is no possible way this man can divorce this girl without hurting her.

To all the rest, there is so much that one might say that it would be hard to know where to begin. It seems incredible that any young man could be so contemptibly mean and so hypocritically self-righteous that he would have the bald effrontery to condemn a girl for conduct which he himself forced her to repeat. It is hard to see why any girl would want to live with a man who took such an attitude toward her, and who would not doubt poison her whole life with his odious and preposterous reproaches. But, since she does, if he has even one little

Mothers of St. Paul Stage Christmas Party

A Christmas party was held last night by members of the Mothers club of St. Paul's Reformed church, in the home of Mrs. Oliver Rhoads, 545 Jefferson avenue.

Mrs. Edward Heimbach, president, presided at the meeting. Election of officers was held with the following results: Mrs. Heimbach, re-elected president; Mrs. Albert Redman, vice president; Mrs. Frank Gross, secretary; Mrs. Fred Spielman, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Robert Herrlinger, treasurer and Mrs. Dale March in charge of flowers.

New silent sisters were picked as the old ones were revealed. Carols were sung and worship was held.

The pig-in-the-box was won by Mrs. Linwood Shaner. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Sanford Bechtel, Mrs. Robert Peck, Mrs. George Good, Mrs. Austin Sundstrom, Mrs. Horace Evans Jr., Mrs. Herbert Geiser, Mrs. Donald Sands, Mrs. Michael Schmidt, Mrs. Robert Weller, Mrs. Morris Frick and Mrs. Lewis Swavely.

The next meeting will be held at 8 o'clock on Jan. 27 in the home of Mrs. Gross, 30 East Fourth street.

Sliced banana and peanut butter between slices of whole wheat bread make a sandwich youngsters usually like.

spark of decency in him, he should make a pact with her that both will do their best to make their marriage work, and let their future wipe out their mutual mistakes of the past.

Trinity Rainbow Class Holds Christmas Banquet

An appropriate Christmas prayer opened the annual Christmas banquet last night of the Rainbow class of the Trinity Evangelical Congregational church in Howard Johnson's restaurant.

The teacher of the class, Mrs. Henrietta Endy, opened the meeting. She also received many lovely gifts from the members.

Mrs. Christine Frymoyer, president, presided over the meeting.

The story of Christmas carols were told as each carol was sung.

Mrs. Mildred Sachal told the story of "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear," after which the group sang the carol.

"What is a Christmas Carol?" was read by Mrs. Rosemarie Yost. Mrs. Frymoyer sang, "The Child Jesus" and Mrs. Donald Floyd sang, "Away In A Manger."

A recording of "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" was played and Mrs. Alveta Wilhelm told the story. Mrs. Blanche Shadler told the story of "Silent Night," after which Mrs. Endy and Mrs. Catherine Feight sang a duet, "Silent Night."

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing," was sung by Mrs. Gertrude Dörner, Mrs. Josephine Hoffman, Mrs. Grace Hook, Mrs. Anna Bortz, Mrs. Feight, Mrs. Sara Greisner, Mrs. Mary Mauger, Mrs. Elizabeth Rohand and Mrs. Endy.

Mrs. Endy also sang, "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," and "Is There a Santa Claus." Mrs. Edna Keyser sang "White Christmas" and Mrs. Yost

recited a reading of "Santa Claus and a Mouse."

At the close of the program Mrs. Feight sang "Jolly Old St. Nick." Gifts were distributed by Mrs. Santa Claus and secret pals were revealed.

Poinsettias plants decorated the tables and favors were in the form of vases filled with evergreens. The next meeting will be held Jan. 20 at the home of Mrs. Feight, 350 Lincoln avenue.

Dorcas Class Feted In Reifensneider Home

A poinsettia plant and a gayly decorated Christmas tree lent a festive spirit to the Christmas party held last night by members of the Dorcas class of St. Paul's Reformed church in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Reifensneider, 526 Beech street.

Mrs. Henry Rahn, president, and Mr. Edward Weand, teacher, presided over the meeting.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton H. Frey, Mr. Henry Rahn, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keeler, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mauger, Mrs. Anna Mauger, Mrs. Earl Wendt, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Albright, Miss Helen Bauer, Miss Mabel Mauger, Miss Ruth Buckwalter, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Evans, Mrs. Gladys Mest, Miss Betty Adams and Mrs. Dorothy Derstine.

It was announced that the next meeting will be held on Jan. 20 at the home of Mrs. Derstine, Hilldale.

Stuff wet shoes with soft paper or absorbent cloth to take up moisture.

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Princess Elizabeth Is Hostess at Tea

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Princess Elizabeth was hostess at tea in Buckingham palace today for the first time since her marriage and spoke at length to one of the girl guests.

Prince Philip, attired in royal navy uniform, stood beside her. Elizabeth explained to the girl

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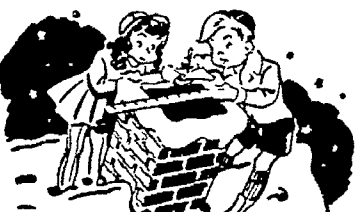
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Government Experts Claim Living Costs Rise \$450 Annually

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Government cost-of-living experts calculated today that the cost of maintaining a city family of four has risen about \$450 a year since March, 1946. A CIO spokesman immediately interpreted the statistics as proving that higher wages are "an economic must."

The bureau of Labor Statistics, which has been keeping tab on the cost of living in 34 major cities since 1945, handed the figures today to a subcommittee of the Senate - House economic committee headed by Senator Taft (R-Ohio). Ewan Clague, head of the bureau, said the statistics were based on neither a luxury nor a bare subsistence level, but represented "an attempt to describe and measure a modest but adequate American standard of living." The "average" family on which it is based is made up of an employed father, a housewife, and two school-age children.

The study showed living costs highest—in Washington—Seattle and New York, and lowest in New Orleans, Kansas City, Mo., and Houston. Increased food prices accounted for about a third of the total jump.

The annual budget for a four-member family amounted to \$3458 in Washington and \$3004 in New Orleans the past June, the bureau reported, adding that consumer prices have gone up 4.3 percent more since that date.

As of the past June, food cost the family about \$20 a week, compared with about \$15 in March, 1946. The annual food bill for such a family in Cincinnati, for instance, rose from \$792 to about \$1000, while a New York family found its food costs up from \$850 to just under \$1100.

Local taxes were found to be rising everywhere—as much as 100 percent in some cities. Rents also increased under the rent control law which went into effect the past Summer.

Emil Rieve, administrative chairman of the CIO full employment committee, said the bureau's statistics furnished proof that not only higher wages but "better social security benefits and full employment guarantees" are "an economic must."

Rieve said his group thinks the budget too low, declaring that it allows nothing for savings or insurance which would provide cash benefits during an illness. He added:

"The food budget, which is set at \$20 a week, actually allows only 24 cents a meal for each of the four members of the family. The diet

'Toy Shop' Comes to Life in Junior High Play



Ready for the curtain to go up this afternoon on their play "Christmas Windows," students of the Pottstown Junior High school portray the opening scene, "The Toy Shop." Showing how they will appear through the window on the stage of the auditorium are: (front row, left to right) the doll, Shirley Jane Fryer; the panda, Donald Brown; the bear, Richard Muehl; and the Chinese doll, Maria MacPhail. In the second row are the proprietor, Edward Shoemaker; two wooden soldiers, Thomas Rutter and Paul Stofko; and the two play readers, Elaine Princenthal and Virginia Feroe. In the top row are the clown, Lowell Hurter; Santa Claus, Francis Scheirer; and another clown, William Yohn.

would be modest, to say the least, with only six loaves of bread a week, nine pounds of meat and 12 quarts of milk.

"The present gross average earnings in manufacturing industries are only \$1.25 an hour. But to achieve this BLS family budget, the father would have to earn from \$1.55 to \$1.75 an hour for 50 weeks of 40 hours each to achieve this budget at current high prices. It is obvious that millions of family heads earn a lot less than this—a lot less than even the average gross hourly wages. A large number of workers do not work every week, due to layoffs, shortages or illnesses."

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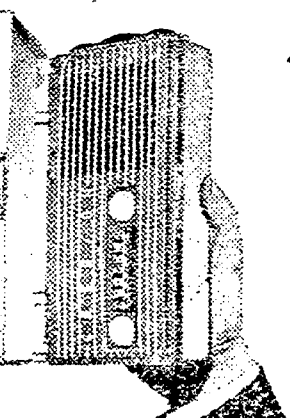
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Underground Plot By Reds Seen If Party Is Outlawed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Arthur Garfield Hays, New York attorney, contended tonight that outlawing the Communist party would merely drive the movement underground.

Rep. Frank B. Keefe (R-Wis.) said if that would be the result, "I am for it and the deeper they are driven underground the better."

They made the assertions in opening statements prepared for the American Forum of the Air, Senator Glen Taylor (D-Idaho) and Rep. Harry R. Sheppard (D-Calif.) also were on the program.

Hays, director of the American Civil Liberties union, contended that outlawing the Communist party is "wrong, and probably unconstitutional."

"The Communist party could evade the law by changing its name," he said. "Experience shows that it would merely drive the movement underground, give it the advantage of the emotionalism that arises from secrecy, and lend to its members the halo of martyrdom. Suppression would hurry its growth, not halt it."

Keefe declared the constitution is "not intended to be used as a cloak and a mask for the protection of a treasonable group whose avowed objective is the overthrow of free government."

The rare flower, shortia, is found only in the mountains of North Carolina and in Japan.

The tea plant is called Thea sinensis.

Women Still Uphold The Laws of Idaho

BURLEY, Idaho, Dec. 16 (AP)—The only woman deputy sheriff in Idaho resigned to get married and Sheriff Saul Clark promptly appointed another woman to take her place. After Deputy Sheriff Marjorie Philbrook announced she was leaving to become the wife of State Highway Patrolman Cleve Johnson, the sheriff gave her job to Mrs. Barbara Lindsay.

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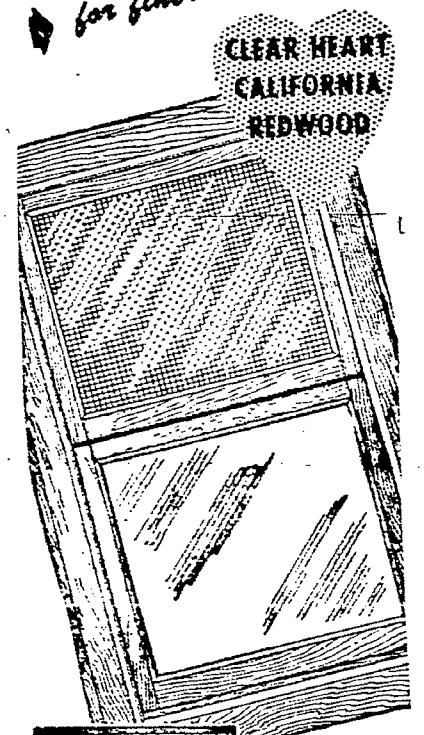
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OFFICIAL LEAVES GREECE

ATHENS, Dec. 16 (AP)—Maj. Gen. William G. Livesay, chief of the U. S. military mission, left Greece today for Washington. On his departure, he was connected with the insistence of some Athens government officials that the Greek Army is inadequately armed to subdue the guerrillas.

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Dr. F. A. Carmelia Dies in Norristown

Dr. Francis A. Carmelia 57, of Riverview road, Current terrace Norristown, formerly of Royersford and Pottstown, died at the Montgomery hospital, Norristown, Monday night.

Dr. Carmelia, who was born in Royersford, rose to become assistant surgeon general of the U. S. Public Health service. He retired eight years ago, because of ill health.

A graduate of Spring City high school, he later graduated from Jefferson Medical school, Philadelphia, took post-graduate work at Wills Eye hospital, Philadelphia, and interned at Reading hospital.

He joined the U. S. Public Health service at Ellis Island N. Y., in 1913. His work took him all over the world. Dr. Carmelia's only survivor is his wife, Sara (Brownback) Carmelia.

Funeral services will be held privately from a funeral home at 718 Swede street, Norristown, in charge of the Rev. Lloyd Sandt, pastor of Brownback's Reformed church.

PERSONALS

Miss Helen Allen has arrived home from the Baldwin school, Bryn Mawr, to spend the Christmas holidays at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Addison L. Allen, 345 New street, Spring City.

Twin Boro Classified

Deaths

BULLOCK—In Norristown, on Saturday, Dec. 13, 1947, William Bullock, son of the late Jacob and Emma (Kenney) Bullock, aged 63 years. Services at the Nelson Funeral Home, 331 New St., Spring City, on Wednesday at 2 o'clock. Interment Zion's cemetery. Friends may call Tuesday evening 7 to 9.

MATTIS—In Philadelphia, on Monday, Dec. 15, 1947, Harry S. Mattis, aged 80 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the service at the Nelson Funeral Home Inc., 337 Walnut St., Royersford, on Thursday at 11 a. m. Interment Fernwood cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday 10 to 11 a. m.

Card of Thanks

LAMPLUE

We wish to thank the kind neighbors and friends for the assistance and sympathy, floral tributes and use of cars offered during our recent bereavement, Laura Lamplue, SISTERS.

Notice

THE FOLLOWING BARBERS in Royersford will be open Christmas week as follows: Monday, Dec. 22, 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Wednesday (Xmas Eve), 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. **LEWIS SPARE** **JOS. MILLS**

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Lutheran Church Sunday School Lists Christmas Program

The children's division of Royersford Grace Lutheran Sunday school, under the supervision of Mrs. L. Earl Frederick, superintendent, and the teachers, will present a Christmas program Sunday night at 7 o'clock.

White gifts will be received, to be given to the Good Shepherd home, Allentown. Music will be provided by a violin ensemble composed of pupils of the Lamb School of Music, Rowland Lewis, teacher. The program:

Recitation, Patty Copenhafer; exercise, Judith Hesh and Peggy Wunder; recitation, Judy Schach and Linda Thompson; solo, Suzanne Grubb, Katharine Kautz, Barry, Eddie, Judy and Calvin; recitation, Sally Lowe.

Violin ensemble, Gwendolyn Weikel, Nancy Witt, Anne Neborag and Jerry Rehberg; recitations, Jimmy Custer and Patsy Diehl, exercise, Mrs. Harry Frederick's class; solo, Louise Roessler, exercise, Irma Nettles and Kathryn Katz.

Violin ensemble, recitation, Judy Brewer; solo, Sandra Wright; exercise, Mrs. Fred Schach's class; recitation, Bobby Schach; exercise, recitation, Mary Kinkbuner; song, Primary group; violin ensemble, hymn, "Joy to the World," congregation; "Legend of the White Gits," William Rogers; chorus, Junior group, violin solo, Rowland Lewis, pageant, "Follow the Star," hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful," congregation.

The chapel choir directed by Mrs. Darwin Buckwalter, will sing "Holy Night, Peaceful Night" and "Nazareth."

Clemens Re-elected Head Of Fish-Game Group

Irvin Clemens was re-elected president of Royersford Hunting and Fishing association at a meeting Monday night in Friendship firehouse.

D. Merrill Fleming was re-elected vice president, Franklin Haines, secretary, and Norman Kolp, financial secretary and treasurer.

It was reported 30 rabbits were released for the 1948 hunting season. A committee was appointed for trapping rabbits.

Following the business meeting, motion pictures were shown by Daniel Gerges, depicting a tiger hunt in India and sporting reels of fishing. Refreshments were served. The next meeting was arranged for Monday night, Jan. 12.

DEATHS - FUNERALS

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR LAURA LAMPLUE, 356 KING STREET, SPRING CITY, were conducted in a funeral home at 331 New street yesterday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock, with continued services at 2:30 o'clock in Honey Brook Methodist church. The Rev. Hippie, pastor, was in charge, assisted by the Rev. Kurtz, pastor of Brandywine Manor church. Interment was made in Honey Brook Methodist cemetery. Bearers were Franklin Umble, Richard Plank, Norman Blank, Albert and James Nuse and Joseph Scaring.

CHRISTMAS BONUSES

DETROIT, Dec. 16 (AP)—Kaiser-Frazer corporation announced today that special Christmas payments amounting to \$97,776 will be distributed to more than 1200 salaried employees in addition to the payments to be made to hourly rated workers under an agreement with the CIO United Auto Workers.

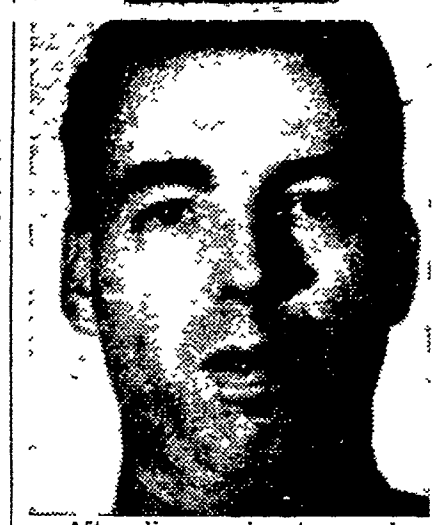
U. S. Troops Give Gifts To Austrian Children

VIENNA, Dec. 16 (AP)—American troops in Austria delivered Christmas presents to 2631 Austrian children in 22 Viennese hospitals and orphanages today.

In addition to soap and toothbrushes, the gifts included food, candy and a Christmas tree at each institution.

Oxygen when mixed with acetylene makes possible flame temperatures above 4000 degrees.

Surrenders



After disappearing two weeks ago from Camp Lee, Va., with 37 officers' paychecks, 1st Lt. Edward P. Kelly (above), surrendered yesterday in New York. He was taken to Valley Forge General hospital for treatment and observation.

Truman Asks U. S. Farmers to Increase Production to Help European Recovery

CHICAGO, Dec. 16 (AP)—High Government officials, including President Truman, today joined in urging the American farmer to increase production, while Edward A. O'Neal, retiring president of the American Farm Bureau federation, warned that "food alone will not solve the problems of Europe."

The officials were David Lillenthal, chairman of the atomic energy commission, and Warren R. Austin, U. S. delegate to the United Nations. They addressed the opening sessions of the Farm Bureau's 29th annual convention, to which Mr. Truman sent a message.

Mr. Truman's message read by O'Neal, declared that the American farm family will continue to bear a heavy load of responsibility in extending assistance to Europe.

The President said, "The production achieved by American farmers this year cannot be measured alone in terms of bushels and tons and dollars. It must also be measured in terms of its great contribution to democracy. To make it contribute to the utmost we are now engaged in a vigorous grain conservation effort."

"And in this, of course farmers have a primary responsibility," Austin asserting the "first objective" of anyone who believes in the United Nations "is adoption of the Marshall plan for European recovery," declared that the key commodities for such recovery are food and coal.

"As a result of underfeeding and war fatigue," he said, "man-power is lacking in energy. Many a coal miner in France, in England and in the Ruhr this morning didn't have the strength to get out of bed and dig coal."

Lillenthal, saying that atomic energy "is an important part of the business of farming," added:

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Of course, you can always get home-made cakes, cookies and pies here as well as select canned goods and other tasty foods to eat.

Brighten up your holiday season by shopping now at the Dainty Shop Delicatessen, 26 North Charlotte street.

Repaired Shoes Means Safety From Colds

Those snowy and inclement winter days are approaching, and there's one good way to protect yourself against severe colds and other illnesses and that is to see that your shoes are well soled.

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Today with the price of new shoes pretty high, it behooves everyone to make the old shoes last as long as possible. And old shoes, broken in right, do feel so well on the feet that it seems a shame to toss them aside when the Central Shoe Repair Shop can very likely make them look and wear like new again.

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Soviets Report Gain In Pacific Fishing

MOSCOW, Dec. 16 (AP)—Soviet Pacific fisheries have produced 30 per cent more this year than last to date, says the Moscow News.

In the third quarter alone, the paper says, 100,000 tons more were produced than in the same period last year.

The eastern fishing industry is getting new equipment on a large scale now and the production is expected to grow rapidly.

CITY EMPLOYEES GET RAISE FRANKLIN, Dec. 16 (AP)—City council has increased the pay of all city employees \$10 a month, effective Jan. 1. A similar raise was granted a year ago.

Federal prisons in the United States are under control of the U. S. attorney general.

B. Kline of Des Moines, Ia., is slated to be elected at Thursday's closing sessions.

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6:00	NBC 1060 K	WJLA 1210 K	WDBF 560 K	WUP 610 K
6:15	Morning Salute	Jamboree	Songs of Plains	Dawn Patrol
6:30	News	Rural Digest	Jazz Day Songs	Dawn Patrol
6:45	Yed. Star	Amco K-r	Zoke Manner	
7:00	Musical Clock	Amco Weather	LeRoy Miller	Mac McGuire
7:15	News Music	Amco Call	LeRoy Miller	Mac McGuire
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7 Airmen Killed As Planes Collide

NORFOLK Va., Dec. 16 (AP)—A patrol bomber and a fighter plane collided 100 feet in the air today as they came in for landings at the Norfolk Naval station, killing six of the bomber's seven crewmen and the pilot of the single seat fighter.

Names of the victims were withheld temporarily.

Naval spokesmen said the Corsair fighter struck the right wing of the bombing plane as both approached the landing field from the same direction. The Corsair caught fire and its pilot burned to death.

The bomber crashed on its back and partly buried itself in swampy ground 300 yards from the Corsair. Ens. Joseph William Atkins, USNR, 21, Kingsport, Tenn., was the sole survivor. He crawled from the wreckage of the bomber and was treated at the field dispensary for shock, lacerations and bruises. Atkins said he saw the starboard engine fall from the bomber after the collision and "braced myself for the crash."

Another crewman removed from the bomber died in the dispensary 35 minutes later. Rescue workers toiled for two hours before they were able to remove the last of the five bodies from the maze of twisted wiring and metal that held them.

The patrol bomber was attached to amphibious group three and the Corsair to the aircraft carrier Coral Sea.

Danville Girl Held On Forgery Charge

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16 (AP)—Catherine Whelan, 19, of Danville, Va., was held in \$1000 bail today on a charge of forgery.

Miss Whelan was arrested yesterday in a check-cashing office when Detectives Patrick Lane and Lou Lear said she signed the name of Mildred E. Mueller, apartment house owner, to a check for \$26.25. The detectives said the check with two others, disappeared Saturday, from Miss Mueller's desk in the apartment house.

Held with the Danville girl who is accused of forgery and fraudulent conversion was Alfred Haskin, 25, of Philadelphia, on a charge of conspiracy.

WEAVER TOWN

Mr. Daniel Webster, corr. Phone Birdsboro 2-4022. Radio Trainer delivery.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Neele of Birdsboro moved to the home of Mr. Neele's father, Mr. J. H. Neele, at Birdsboro, Pa., where he is a contractor.

Dr. E. H. Neele expects to finish his medical education in the local college and to see his father, Mr. Neele, at Birdsboro, Pa., where he is a contractor.

The Society of Farm Women held its Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Dora Magara after the regular business session. Mrs. Donald McLean read a Christmas story and the group sang carols. Gifts were exchanged and secret deals revealed.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Marshall.

A candlelight service and band concert will be held in the High School auditorium. Miss Shirley Kesler will be the soloist.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ruiz, of Trenton, N. J., visited Mrs. Mary Ruiz.

NOAH NUMSKULL

DEAR NOAH—WHEN THE CHIMNEY FLE, DID THE STOVE PIPE DOWN? MABEL M. BISSING, LEHIGHTON, PA.

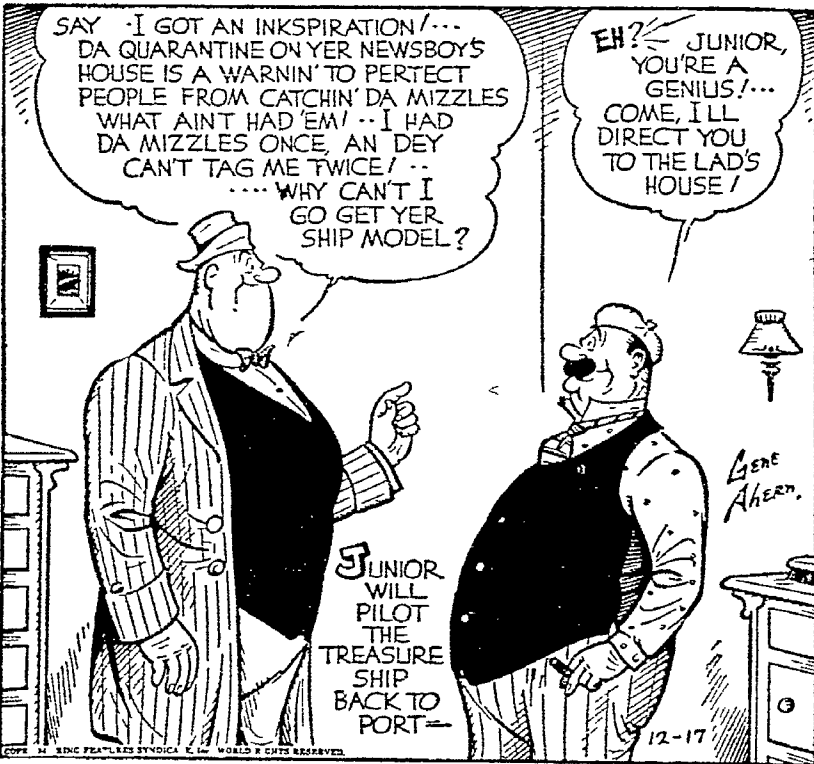
DEAR NOAH—WHILE THE BEES ARE AT EASE IN A HIVE ARE THE SHES AT TEAS ALIVE? T. V. RUGGLE, CUMBERLAND, MD.

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TODAY'S Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Mountain

5 Verbal

9 One of the Great Lakes

10 Secluded valley (poet.)

11 Part of a furnace

12 Glory

14 Pronoun

15 Flat

16 Kingdom, SE Asia

19 Mulberry

20 Garment border

21 An amulet

24 Tangle

25 Scandi-navian

29 Ear

31 Aids

34 Greek letter

35 Food

36 A formal procession

38 Music note

39 Clan

40 A dervish

43 Always

44 Baking chamber

45 Cliques

46 Cut squarely across as hair

DOWN

1 Of Persia

2 Constellation

3 Perch

4 Observe

5 Byland

6 Contest of speed

7 Mohammedan god

8 Rent under lease

11 Sudden blasts of wind

13 Evening sun god (Egypt.)

15 Herd of whales

17 A wing

18 Bog

22 Defames

23 Model

26 Spawn of fish

27 Frugal

28 Chemical term

30 Regret

31 Likely

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33 Overtask

37 Incite

40 Short watch-chain

41 Topaz humming-bird

42 Know (Scott)

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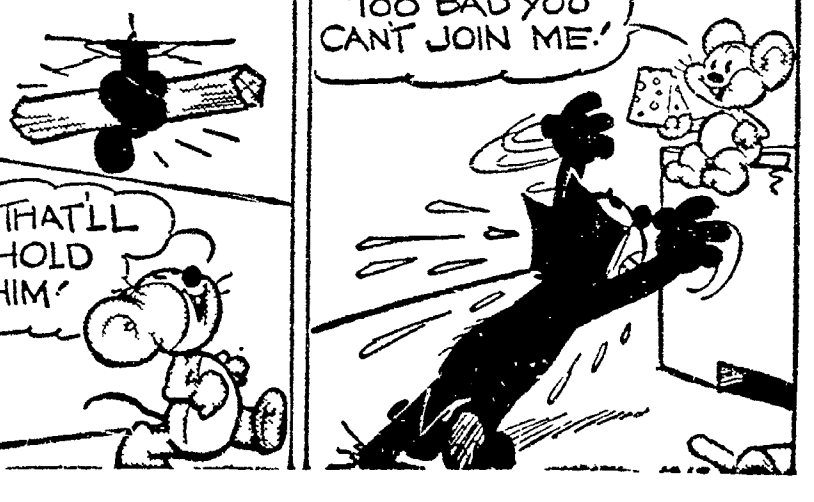
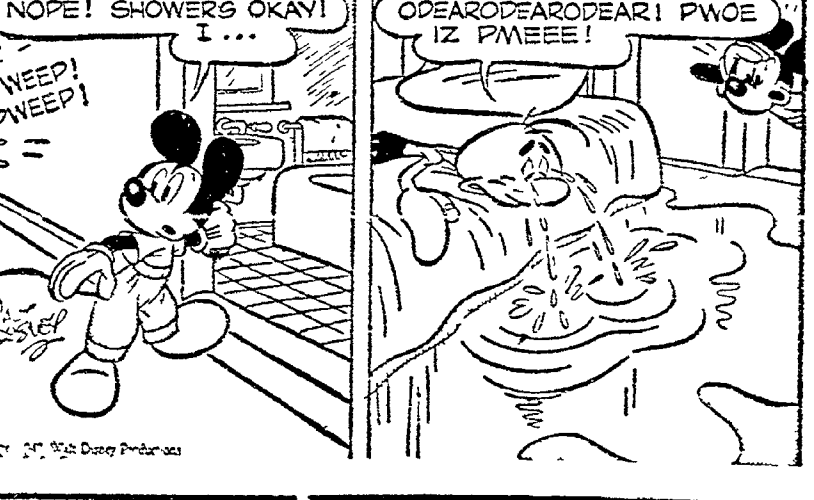
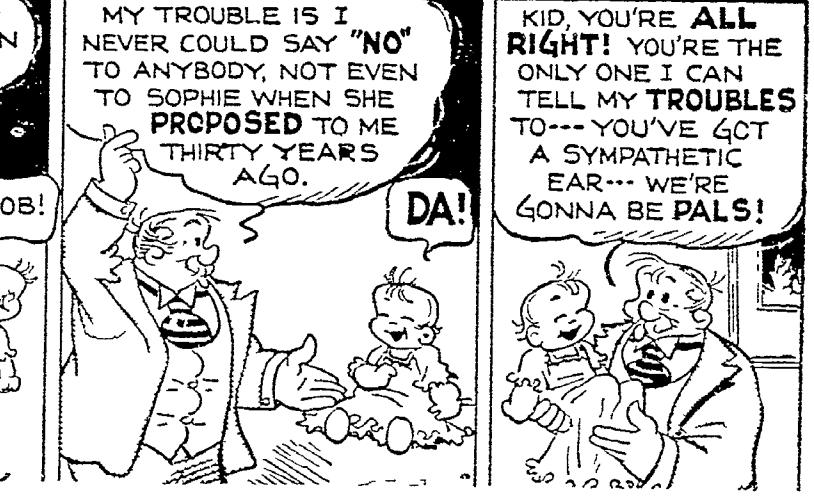
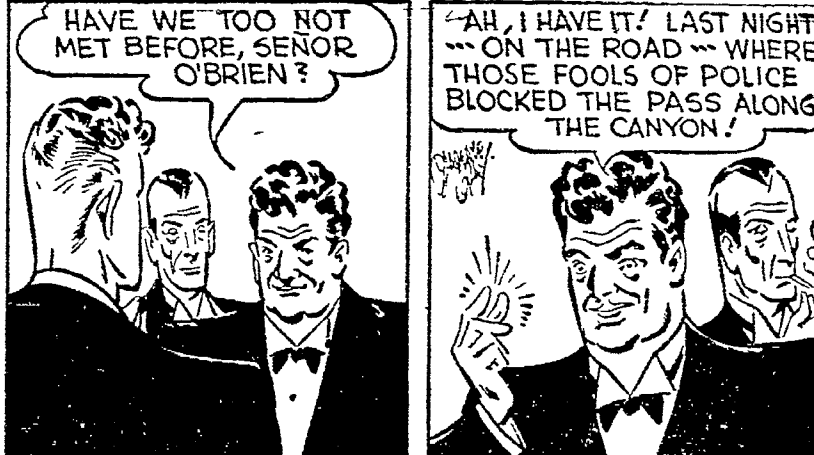
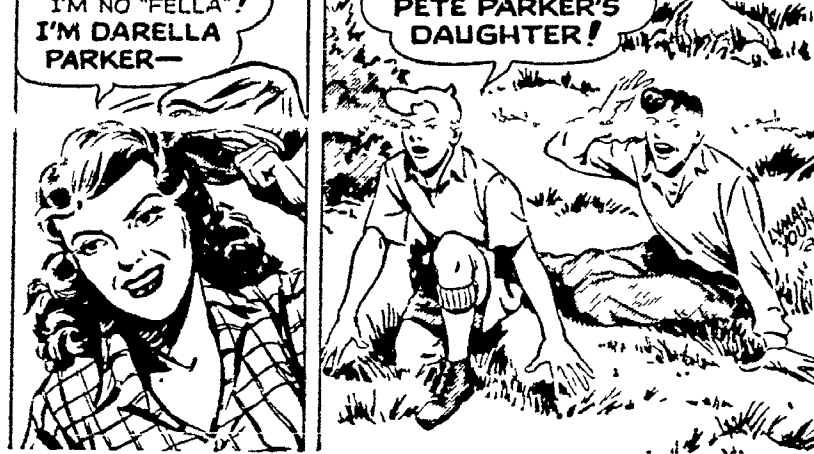
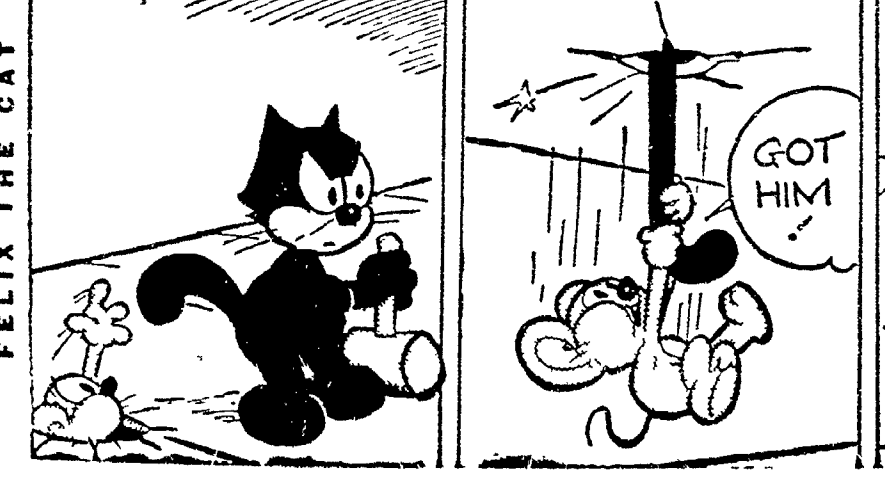
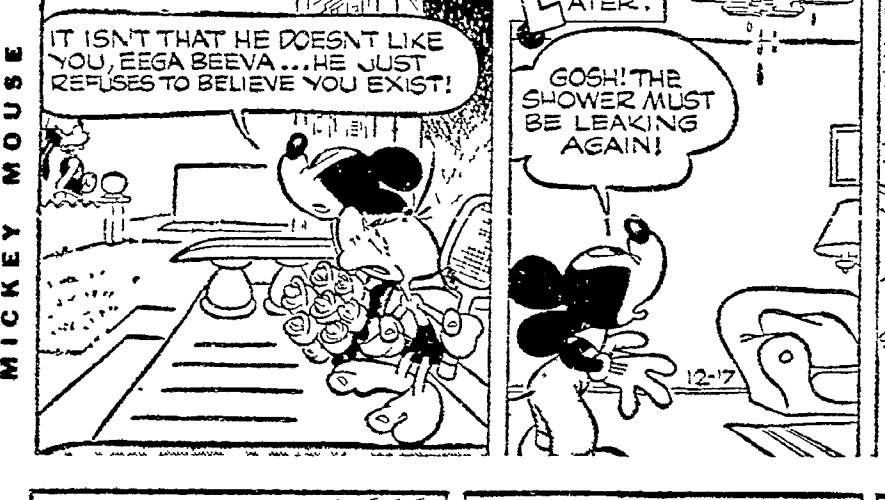
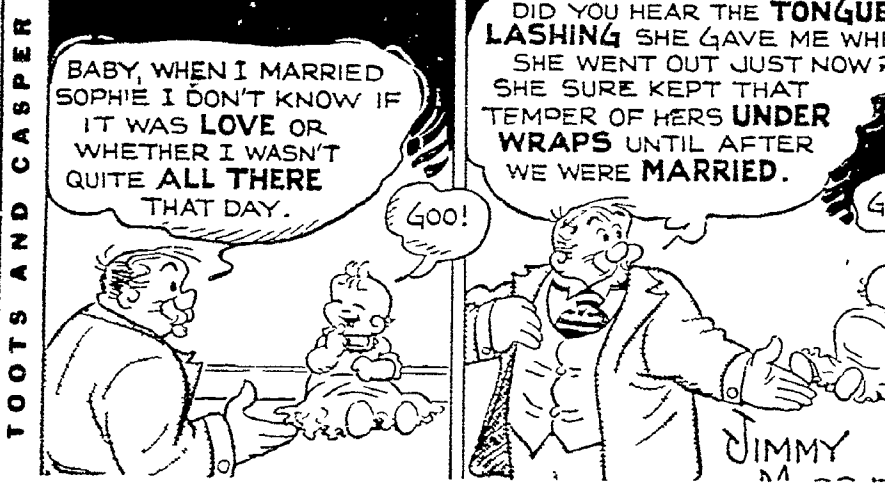
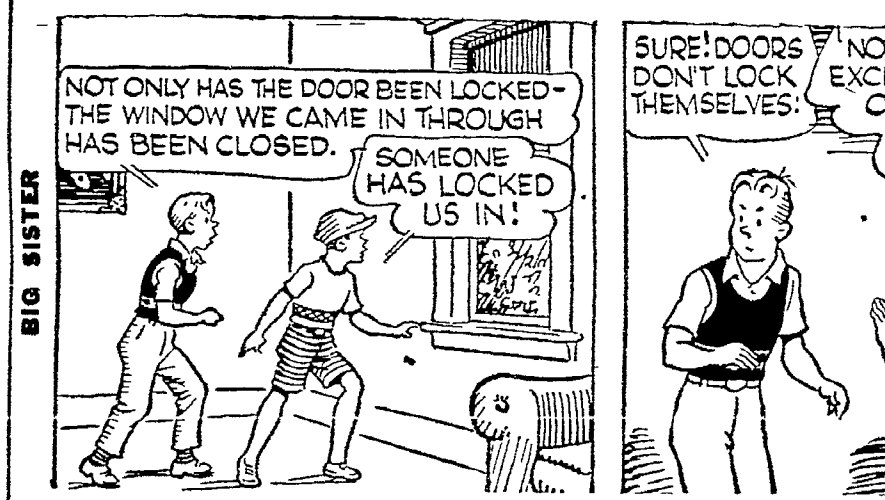
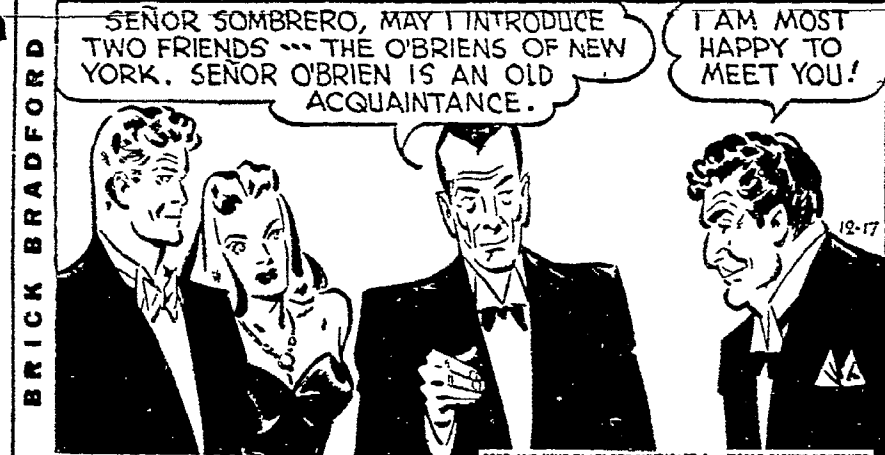
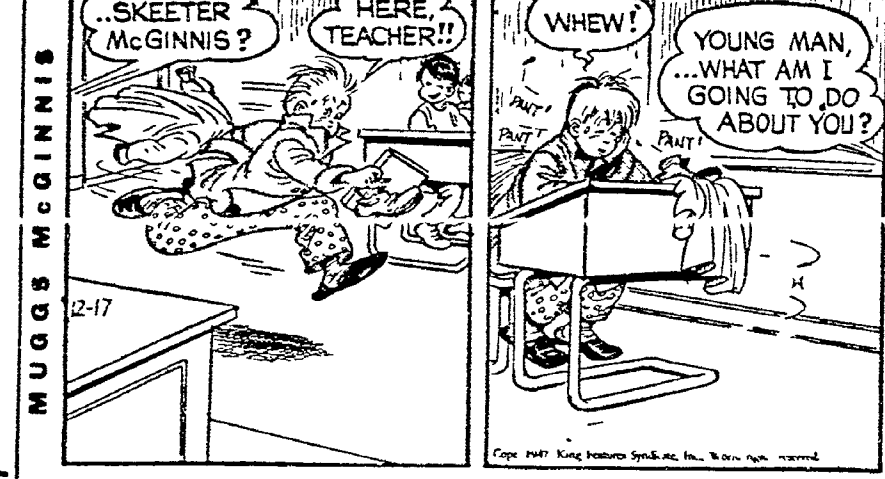
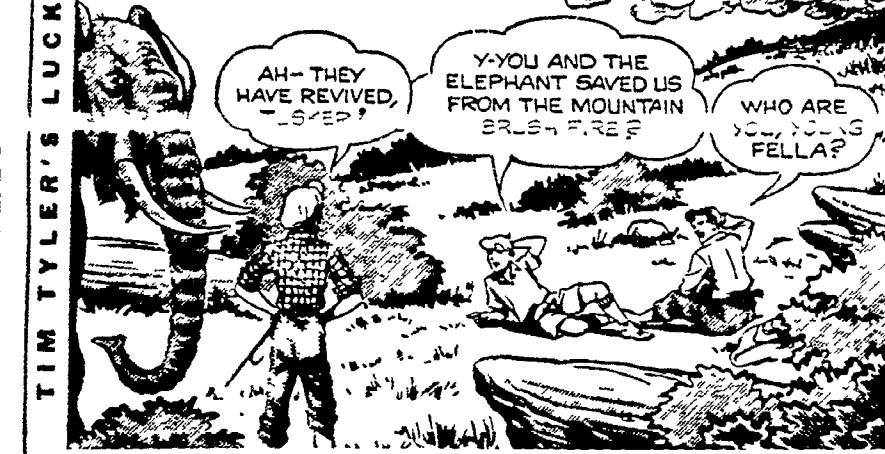
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THOSE EYES THE GREENEST OF THINGS BLUE, THE BLUEST OF THINGS GREY—SWIN-BURNE

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Warwick Surprises Falcons By Taking 32-18 Decision; Baver Scores 18 Markers

Warwick High's basketball team surprised West Pottsgrove cage fans last night by handing the Falcons a 32-18 defeat in a non-league game played at West Pottsgrove.

Warwick, a little school which often comes through with such upsets, held the upper hand throughout the entire contest, and the Falcons never got close after the visitors took a 9-4 lead in the first period.

The visitors, playing a fast game of basketball, played great defensive ball and limited the Falcons to six field goals and six fouls during the game. Of the 18 points collected by the Falcons, seven were scored by Sam DiGiosia.

Bill Baver, tall Warwick center, led the visitors' attack by scoring as many points as the entire West Pottsgrove team. He found the range for seven goals from the field and four charity tosses. Jim Steltz, chipped in with six markers.

After taking a 9-4 advantage in the first eight minutes, Warwick pulled away into a 16-7 halftime lead. At the end of three periods, the visitors held a 25-14 lead, and the fourth period saw the Falcons outscored again, this time, 7-4.

In the preliminary contest, the West Pottsgrove junior varsity came through with a 19-11 win over Warwick High's reserves. Joe Chori paced the home team with nine points via three field goals and three fouls.

VARSITY GAME			
West Pottsgrove	G. F. P.	Warwick	G. F. P.
Sabo, f.	0 1 1	McAfee, f.	0 1 1
Edinger, f.	0 0 0	Budd, f.	0 0 0
Wilkinson, f.	0 2 2	Palmer, f.	0 0 0
Stavisky, f.	1 1 3	Peglar, f.	0 0 0
Ferenz, f.	0 0 0	Wyana, f.	1 0 2
Hampton, f.	2 0 4	Bayer, c.	7 4 18
DiGiosia, f.	3 1 7	Painter, c.	0 0 0
		Steltz, f.	3 0 6
		Erb, f.	0 0 0
Totals	6 18	Totals	13 6 32
West Pottsgrove	13 6 32	Warwick	9 7 25

JUNIOR VARSITY GAME			
West Pottsgrove	G. F. P.	Warwick	G. F. P.
Basile, f.	0 0 0	Wells, f.	0 0 0
Edinger, f.	0 0 0	Fisher, f.	0 0 0
Cliff, c.	0 3 3	Moses, f.	0 0 0
Cliff, c.	3 3 9	Rockwell, f.	2 0 4
E. Basile, f.	1 0 2	Bedi, f.	0 0 0
Bartman, f.	0 0 0	Prock, f.	1 0 2
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Mourar, f.	0 0 0		
Totals	5 9 19	Totals	4 3 11
West Pottsgrove	4 3 11	Warwick	2 0 4

Gus Dorais Ousted As Detroit Grid Coach

DETROIT, Dec. 16 (AP) — The removal of Charles E. (Gus) Dorais as coach of the Detroit Lions of the National Professional Football league was disclosed tonight.

Owner Fred Mandel made known Dorais' removal and at the same time indicated he would sell the Lions, in whom a near half-million dollar investment has gone sour over the seven years of his ownership.

PLAYERS WILL MEET
All members of Roth's basketball team are requested to meet at the YMCA tonight at 6 o'clock before traveling to Springfield City for a game with Parkside.

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Trojans Go Down Under Easton High Quintet, 36-25

700 FANS SEE GOOD'S CAGERS LOSE 2D TILT

Easton Team Outclasses Locals: Don Ziegler Hits Nets for 11 Points

EASTON, Dec. 16 — A Pottstown High cage team that battled on even terms with a strong Reading High quintet the past week just couldn't get started here tonight, and Easton High's cagers treated some 700 home fans to a 36-25 victory over the Trojans on the local high school court.

The Trojans, unfamiliar with the Easton court, fell behind by six points early in the contest, fought back to deadlock the score a few moments later only to have Easton start a parade of points that lasted throughout the game.

The few Pottstown fans who journeyed to this up-state community tonight couldn't believe their eyes when they saw the Trojans fall behind by 15 points at various times during the second half. It may have been the larger floor or the glass backboards, but still the Trojan followers knew their cagers were being outplayed and out-fought.

Coach Ed Good's charges, who scored 41 points in each of their first two games, were held to eight goals from the field tonight, and the Pottstown basketekers were only able to cash in nine fouls. Don Ziegler, hitting the cords for three field goals late in the fourth period, led the Trojan scorers with 11 points. Brower Yenger tabbed 10 for runner-up honors.

Easton, running around the court and jumping like rabbits, constantly used a "sleeper" play to score on the Trojans. When the "sleeper" wasn't used, the Easton charges intercepted Pottstown passes to net against Southern Methodist. Strangely enough, Bedenk didn't play in the Rose Bowl for he came up with an injury in practice.

LIBERTY VETS TOP REFORMED, 30-21

Jumping into a comfortable 18-5 lead at halftime, the Liberty Vets went on to defeat the Reformed church in a Roversford Community league game Monday night, 30-21, at Roversford.

In the second game of the double-header, the Phoenixville Moose, with Joe James tabbing 12 points, turned back Central by a 33-29 score.

Reformed			
Liberty Vets	G. F. P.	Phoenixville Moose	G. F. P.
Miller, f.	1 0 2	Kennik, f.	6 2 14
Ochs, f.	1 1 3	Wisneski, f.	1 1 3
Markay, c.	0 0 0	R. Hallman, f.	2 1 3
Bartner, f.	0 0 0	Gross, f.	0 0 0
James, f.	3 4 10	Hallman, f.	0 0 0
Batten, c.	0 0 0	Mull, f.	0 1 1
Wolfe, f.	0 0 0	Noback, f.	3 3 9
Reed, f.	1 0 2	Marshall, f.	0 0 0
McDermott, c.	0 0 0	Caputo, f.	0 0 0
Bender, f.	1 1 3	Wunder, f.	0 0 0
Peoples, f.	1 1 3	Urmstead, c.	0 0 0
		Saylor, f.	0 0 0
Totals	7 7 21	Totals	12 6 30
Reformed	0 5 7	Liberty	8 10 21

Central			
Phoenixville Moose	G. F. P.	Phoenixville Moose	G. F. P.
R. Clark, f.	0 0 0	Himes, f.	6 0 12
Kirchhof, f.	1 1 3	Gust, f.	4 1 9
Clark, c.	3 0 6	Quinn, c.	3 0 6
Adams, c.	3 2 8	Mannet, f.	1 0 2
Willaver, f.	4 0 8	Burt, f.	1 2 4
Craft, f.	0 0 0		
Anderson, f.	1 0 2		
Slood, f.	0 0 0		
Moore, c.	1 0 2		
Donohue, f.	0 0 0		
Totals	13 3 29	Totals	13 3 33
Central	8 12 5	Phoenixville Moose	12 6 11

It wasn't until late in the final period the Trojans started to hit for constant field goals. Kelly's field goal gave Easton a 16-point lead, but Ziegler dumped three quick field goals to bring the visitors to within 11 points of the Easton combine.

A field goal by Hank widened the margin a little, but Ziegler added two more fouls ending the scoring for the night.

The Trojans will oppose McCaskey High of Lancaster in their next game Friday night at Pottstown.

VARSITY GAME			
Pottstown	G. F. P.	Easton	G. F. P.
Stolar, f.	0 1 1	Dixon, f.	1 0 2
Sunstrom, f.	0 0 0	Morrell, f.	1 0 2
Ziegler, f.	4 3 11	Kohler, f.	0 1 1
Formando, f.	0 0 0	Berkman, f.	0 0 0
Yenger, c.	4 10 26	Joseph, c.	2 3 9
Felak, c.	0 0 0	Vogel, c.	0 0 0
Pollock, c.	0 0 0	Falko, c.	0 0 0
Mauer, f.	1 1 3	Gundlach, f.	0 0 0
Rath, c.	0 0 0	Smith, f.	0 0 0
Celan, f.	0 0 0	Keiv, f.	4 3 11
		Hank, f.	2 1 5
Totals	8 9 25	Totals	14 8 36
Pottstown	6 4 5	Easton	10 10 26

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BABY TROJANS COP 3D VICTORY BY 27-25 COUNT

Bob Dobry Breaks Tie With Field Goal in Last Ten Seconds

Bob "Chink" Dobry's field goal in the last 10 seconds gave the Baby Trojans of Pottstown High a 27-25 victory over Easton High's junior varsity last night at Easton.

Coach Bill McCabe's Trojans trailed by one point with the clock showing only 35 seconds remaining in the game. Joe Pollock, who shared scoring honors with Dobry, stepped to the foul line and zipped the cords to deadlock the count.

The two quintets raced up and down the floor before Easton lost the ball by not advancing past mid court within 10 seconds. The Trojans took possession and the ball went to Dobry. The little Trojan eager steeled himself and took a set shot, zipping the cords for the final two points.

After a tie first period, the Baby Trojans fell behind when intermission came, 14-9. The visitors cut the margin to 20-17 in the third period before staging a 10-point rally in the final stanza.

Dobry and Pollock collected nine points apiece on four field goals and one foul. It was the third straight win for the Baby Trojans.

Pottstown			
Easton	G. F. P.	Easton	G. F. P.
Spare, f.	0 3 3	Merlo, f.	0 0 0
Royer, f.	0 2 2	Givver, f.	1 1 3
Selder, f.	0 0 0	Gies, f.	3 2 9
Pollock, c.	4 1 9	Todaro, c.	3 1 7
Dobry, f.	4 9 24	Mazur, c.	0 0 0
Dixie, f.	0 0 0	Williams, f.	2 1 5
Rogers, f.	2 0 4	Riehl, f.	0 0 0
Howard, f.	0 0 0	Phillips, f.	0 2 2
		Francisco, f.	0 0 0
Totals	10 7 27	Totals	9 7 25
Pottstown	7 2 8	Easton	10 10 27

BASKETBALL SCORES

SCHOLASTIC
Easton . . . 36 Pottstown . . . 25
Pottstown JV . . . 27 Easton JV . . . 25
Amity . . . 34 Boyertown . . . 29
Georgetown . . . 61 Quakertown . . . 18
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GUS LESNEVICH TO MEET FOX IN TITLE BOUT

Light Heavy Champ Turns Down Charles for Philadelphia Negro

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16 (AP) — Gus Lesnevich, the veteran Cliffside, N. J. battler, will give young Billy Fox a second crack at his light-heavyweight title in a March 5 bout at New York's Madison Square Garden if he is displaced today.

The announcement, made here by Frank (Lucky) Palermo, Fox's manager, came as a distinct surprise, since Fox had said the past week that Lesnevich might be his next foe in a heavy-weight championship bout in June.

A defeat for Lesnevich would all but eliminate him from the heavy-weight picture, while a victory for Fox would hoist the hard-punching Philadelphia Negro well up among the ranks of contenders for the heavy-weight title, which Louis said he will vacate after his next bout.

It will be Fox's first fight since he stopped Jake Lamotta in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden November 14.

Lamotta is under a suspension imposed by the New York Athletic Commission for concealing vital facts about his condition. The \$23,000 purses of both Fox and Lamotta have been withheld by the commission.

Lesnevich knocked out the young Philadelphia in his previous title meeting in the past Feb. 28. It was the only setback in Fox's professional career. He has won his other 50 bouts by knockouts.

Palermo said Fox and Lesnevich will sign contracts in New York next Thursday. A spokesman for the 20th Century Sporting club said in New York the managers of the two fighters are due there Thursday but pointed out terms for the match have not been discussed and would not be until Fox and Lesnevich meet with the promoters.

He said the fight was "in the making" for some time, but "the making" does not normally announce a match until contracts are signed.

Palermo said "the fight will be held in Madison Square Garden and we aren't guaranteeing Lesnevich a nickel. Billy and Gus will fight for the usual split of the purse—15 percent for the challenger and 45 to the champ."

He said that in the last bout between the 32-year-old Lesnevich and the 21-year-old Fox he had to guarantee Lesnevich \$50,000 providing Fox won the title and \$40,000 if he failed.

Lesnevich and his manager, Joe Vella, have been under pressure to accept a challenge from Cincinnati's Ezzard Charles, Palermo said, and they took Fox because they figured he would be a softer touch.

"They're holding Fox cheap, and that's two good breaks for us," Palermo declared, "because it helps us get the match and Lesnevich won't be set for the surprise Billy will spring on him."

Palermo added he would not hesitate to give Charles a chance providing Fox is able to lift the title from Lesnevich.

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12 CAGE GAMES SCHEDULED FOR WILDCAT SQUAD

Norco to Open Season Under New Coach Friday Against Falcons

The Wildcats of North Coventry High, working under the supervision of a new coach, will open their 1947-48 basketball season Friday night against a tall West Pottsgrove combine.

It will be the last meeting of athletic teams from the two schools since the Wildcats trounced the Falcons in the annual Thanksgiving Day grid classic the past month.

Friday's game will be the first of 12 on the Wildcat cage schedule this year. Paul Grim, supervising principal of North Coventry High, announced last night that four more games may be added to the schedule soon. Of the 12 games listed thus far, eight are against teams in Section Six of the Philadelphia Suburban conference. The Wildcats finished in a tie for fourth place a year ago in the league.

Nick Giunta, assistant football coach, has taken over the duties as head cage mentor. He has four letters with which to work, and the new coach has high hopes of giving Norco fans one of their finest cage teams.

Giunta played three years of varsity basketball at West Chester High school. He was a member of the varsity squad at the West Chester State Teachers college and then played two years of the cage game with the Second Marine division in the Pacific.

The four lettermen returning from the past year's squad are Ken Hatdorf, Joe Stavrosky, Ted Kepner and Ralph Reish. Batdorf and Stavrosky have three years of basketball experience and Kepner and Reish have one year apiece.

The other members of the varsity team are Bill Dolhanczyk, Wayne Mourar, Don Ruppert, Rod Hass, Johnny McElroy and Bill Callahan. The schedule:

Dec. 19—West Pottsgrove . . . away	Jan. 9—Warwick . . . away
Jan. 13—Bridgeport . . . home	16—Conshohocken . . . away
23—Spring City . . . home	27—West Pottsgrove . . . home
30—Upper Merion . . . away	Feb. 3—Warwick . . . home
10—Bridgeport . . . away	13—Conshohocken . . . home
17—Spring City . . . away	20—Upper Merion . . . home

BEAU JACK TRIUMPHS

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 16 (AP) — Beau Jack, 140, of Augusta, Ga., former world's lightweight champion now trying a come-back, out-pointed Frank Vigeant, 145½, of Thomaston, here tonight, chasing the Connecticut fighter through-out the ten rounds.

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Amity Wins 2d Loop Game, Defeats Boyertown, 34-29

Durocher May Manage In All-Star Contest

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP) — Unless Leo Durocher elects to step aside in favor of Burton E. (Barney) Shotton, Durocher will receive the honor of managing the National league team in the 1948 major league All-Star baseball game under terms of an announcement made today by Ford Frick.

Hitherto the all-star managers have usually been the previous year's World Series managers. Durocher spent 1947 under suspension and Shotton piloted the Brooklyn team to the pennant.

Frick, National league president, declared "the 1948 manager of the Brooklyn club will lead the league team in the All-Star game," meaning Durocher. "The game will be played July 13 in St. Louis."

"Brooklyn won the pennant, and so the management goes to the Dodgers," said Frick. "After all, it was the team that did the winning."

Fleischmann's Meet St. John's Tonight

Only one City Basketball league game is on tap for tonight, with Fleischmann's meeting St. John's Falcons in the nightcap of a doubleheader at 8:30 o'clock on the Pottstown Junior High court.

The first game will be an exhibition contest between the Transfiguration Midgets and the Club Century Midgets. The game will start at 7:15 o'clock.

The Maria Assunta Transfiguration game, originally scheduled for tonight, has been postponed until Feb. 15.

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Nine Jurors Picked For Hallowell Trial

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16 (AP)—Nine jurors, seven of them women, were chosen today as Judge Harry S. McDevitt opened the trial of William K. Hallowell for the killing of Police Sergeant Samuel H. Hewitt.

Hallowell, already under life sentence for the slaying of Patrolman James J. Quigley in the same gun battle that took Hewitt's life, reportedly consulted with his counsel, Louis F. McCabe, before prospective jurors were challenged or accepted.

McCabe asked jury candidates if their opinion would be influenced by evidence that Hallowell's pistol had gone off accidentally when Hewitt was killed.

Hewitt and Quigley were killed at the end of a chase that started when they found Hallowell stealing an automobile in North Philadelphia. Hallowell, adopted son of Dr. Dorothy Kern Hallowell, noted child psychologist, and Dr. Alfred Irving Hallowell, anthropologist—was wounded five times in the fight.



SOUGHT for questioning in the Chicago gang slaying of three men and the wounding of two others, James Morelli, 19, is shown after he surrendered to the police. Morelli denied that he had shot anyone. He admitted going along on killing rampage because he was "scared" of the gang leader.

Driver Tells Court Unaware of Accident

EASTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Herbert F. Nolf, clerk elect of the Northampton County Quarter Sessions court charged with involuntary manslaughter, testified today that "I know I hit something but I didn't know it was a person."

Nolf, who also is county Democratic chairman, said he didn't realize that he had been involved in an accident the past Nov. 8 when the body of Walter W. Herman, Bethlehem, was found on the roadside near Nazareth until after he had arrived home from a party.

"I noticed a dent in the car fender, and broken headlights," he said, so I went to the State police and told them I probably have been involved in an accident."

Mrs. Nolf, who was with her husband in the car, testified she noticed when the car hit something and asked Nolf what it was.

"He replied," she said "I must have driven over something."

Before the defense rested, Dudley Wenner, garage mechanic, testified he serviced the car before the accident and noticed a dent in a fender and marks on the side of the car which might have gotten there by driving through brush.



A FORMER U. S. AIR FORCE PILOT, Eric Linhof, 25, attends classes at New York university during the week. But every Friday he steps into the cockpit of a London-bound trans-ocean plane as pilot and goes to work. Left, the ambitious student catches up with his studies during his rest period on the plane. Right, he takes over the transport's controls. Linhof logs an average of 35 flying hours each week.

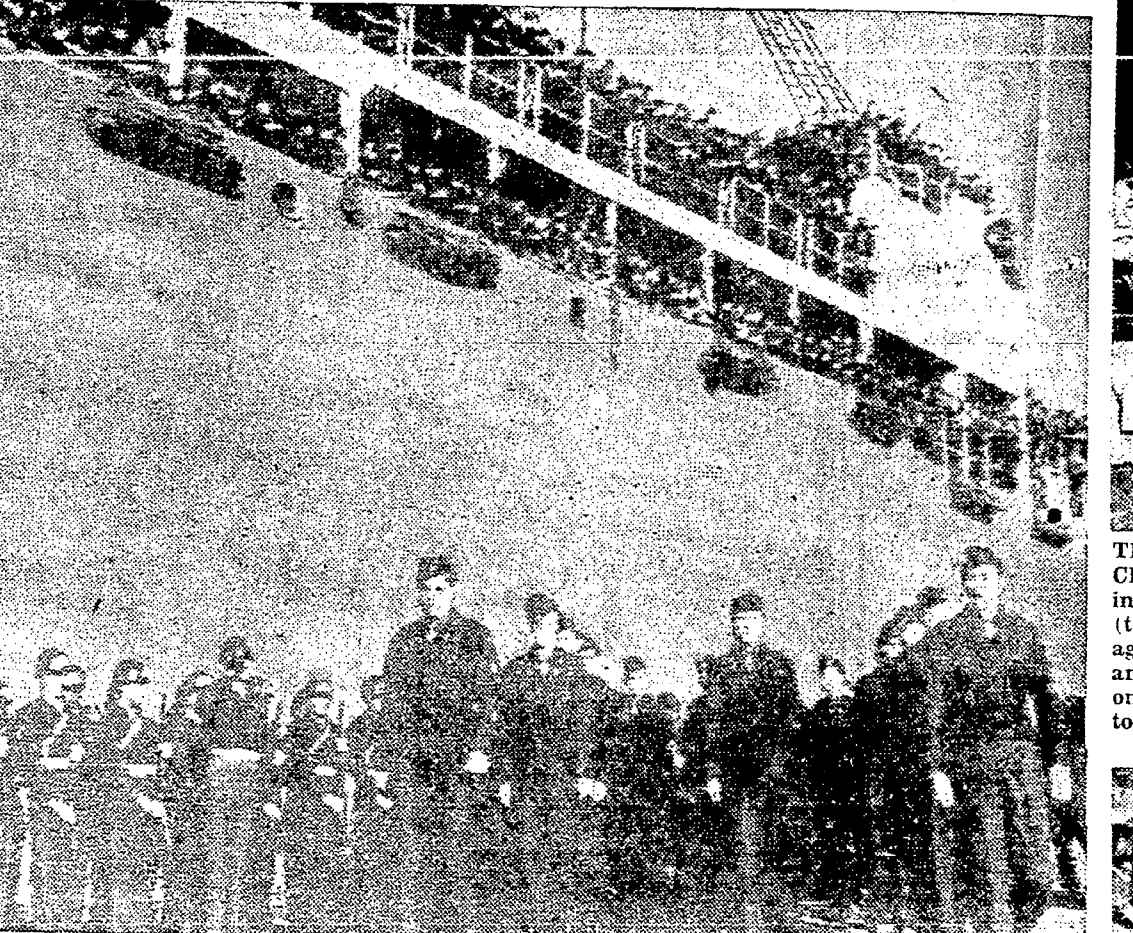
Clerk Ready to Wed Girl He's Never Seen

STEELETON, Dec. 16 (AP)—William F. Breitweiser, 27, a steel company clerk, looked ahead today to his marriage to a young German girl he has never seen.

The German girl, Liselotte Satorf, 25, of Bensheim, Germany, was due to fly into New York today, Breitweiser said, but her papers were not in order and Breitweiser had to rush additional papers and information to Germany.

The young clerk said he hoped there would be no further delay so that Liselotte could come here before expiration of the law permitting foreign sweethearts to enter this country without failing under immigration quotas.

Breitweiser said he and Liselotte started corresponding after he sent her brother, a former German prisoner in the United States, clothing and food. After that, the two wrote constantly and exchanged photographs.



LAST AMERICAN OCCUPATION TROOPS IN ITALY march down dock at Leghorn to board the transport Admiral Sims, sailing for the United States. The troops left exactly 9 hours and 45 minutes ahead of the deadline set for their departure by the peace treaty. When the 97 officers and 1356 enlisted men filed up the gangplank, they brought to a close a military operation dating back to Sept. 9, 1943.

Highway Death Total Less Than Year Ago

HARRISBURG, Dec. 16 (AP)—Pennsylvania's motor accident toll for the first 10 months of 1947 reached 1265, but was still 95 under that of the same period the past year.

The Bureau of Highway Safety said today 708 deaths occurred in rural areas and 558 in urban sections. October claimed the highest monthly total with 148.

Utting renewed caution on the highways. T. Elmer Transeau, director of the bureau warned that "the year 1947 is not over and we are faced with one of the worst months of the year, December, for recording traffic deaths."

Two Navy Warships To Visit South America

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—The Navy is planning to send two warships on a training cruise to a South American port, it announced today.

Earlier reports from Buenos Aires said that Argentine port was to be visited but the Navy announcement did not say so. Withholding the name of the port, it explained that no diplomatic clearance is yet to be received.

The 13,600-ton heavy cruiser Albany and a destroyer will leave Norfolk Jan. 4 with some 400 reserve officers and men. They will return Feb. 10.



SUCCESSOR FLEET ADMIRAL Chester W. Nimitz, who retired, Admiral Lewis E. Denfeld is shown in Washington as he took over the post of Chief of Naval Operations. Pictured at the ceremony in the Navy department (left to right) are: Rear Admiral Oswald Colclough, judge advocate of the Navy, who is administering the oath; Fleet Admiral Nimitz; Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan and Admiral Denfeld.

POPEYE

By Tom Sims & B. Zaboly

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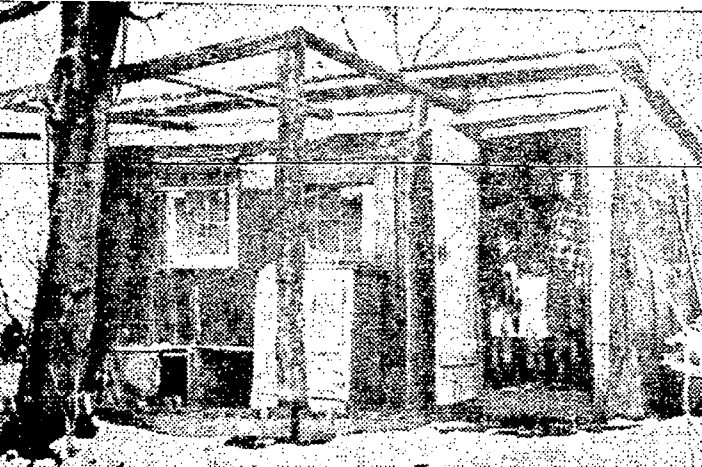
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ITALIAN POLICE hustle a Red agitator off to prison during a demonstration in Rome. The policemen, in jeeps, rode swiftly into a throng which had gathered near the Piazza Colonna during the general strike. Scores were injured. The strike collapsed after two days.



THE FOX FAMILY, of Hershey, have appealed for a "home by Christmas." Mrs. Charles Fox and her nine children, ranging in ages from 11 months to 18 years, live in a chicken coop (top). The Foxes moved into their present "home" three months ago. The father, who works in a Lebanon steel plant by day and fires furnaces at night for apartment houses, sleeps in one of the apartment cellars on a bench because he's unable to get home. Mrs. Fox is shown (bottom) with her nine children inside their coop home.



"DEPENDENCY" WAS GIVEN as the reason which led Mrs. Laura Lois Murray, 53, to slash her throat with a razor blade. She was found near death on the porch of her Los Angeles home. Shortly before she had returned from her Christmas shopping and had carefully wrapped her gifts. Her husband, Jack Murray, 72, sobbed (top) amidst the presents on the sofa. Mrs. Murray is shown (bottom) at a Los Angeles hospital. She is said to have an "even" chance of recovery.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deaths

1

CLAY — On Friday, Dec. 12, 1947, Rachel L. (nee Rhoads) wife of Alban Clay, aged 75 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from her late home, 432 Walnut St., Pottstown, Pa., on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 2 p. m. Interment in Mt. Zion cemetery. Friends may call Tuesday evening 7 to 8:30. (Houck)

IREY — On Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1947, Isabella Grace, wife of Isaac Guidlin Irey, Rose Lawn, Douglassville, Pa. Interment private in West Laurel Hill cemetery at the convenience of the family. Please omit flowers. (Houck)

WEISER — On Sunday, Dec. 14, 1947, James Thomas, son of Thomas E. and Dorothy M. (nee Wensel) Weiser, aged 1 year. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from Houck's Funeral Home, 112 N. Washington St., Pottstown, on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 2 p. m. Interment in Brown's cemetery. Chester Co. Friends may call Wednesday evening 7 to 8:30. (Houck)

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Farmer's Market

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16 (AP) (USDA)—Prices on the wholesale fruit and vegetable market today were as follows: Apples: Pa. Golden Delicious showing fair to good. Beets: Pa. per bunch 4 cents. Cabbage: Pa. bu. baskets fair to generally good \$2.50. Leeks: Pa. per bunch 6 to 7 cents. Mushrooms: Pa. 3-lb. baskets \$1.50. Oyster plant: Pa. per bunch 10 cents. Parsley: Pa. med. size 4 cents. Spinach: Penna. Savoy type \$1.50. Sweet potatoes: N. J. bu. hamper Jersey type \$2.00. White potatoes: Pa. 100-lb. sacks US 1 size. A Katahdin \$3.50.

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Court Is Expected To Issue Decision Soon in Shanta Case

The appeal of Police Patrolman Michael Shanta from a five-day suspension given him by Burgess William A. Griffith on Sept. 11 is now in the hands of the Montgomery County court.

Judges Harold G. Knight and George C. Corson reserved decision after hearing argument of Attorney James R. Caiola, counsel for Shanta, and Attorney Edmund Wells, representing the borough.

Caiola, in his brief argument, contended that the action taken by Burgess Griffith is not in compliance with the Civil Service Act of 1941 — therefore the Civil Service commission should have assumed jurisdiction in any suspension.

He also pointed out that because borough council did not meet until after termination of the suspension, Shanta had no redress, which is contrary to law.

Caiola admitted that powers of suspension given the borough under the borough code of 1927 are not taken away under the act of 1941, but in this latter statute which created the Civil Service commission his power of suspension is restricted to several causes.

"Therefore the cause cannot be a mere whim of the burgess," Caiola said.

In his argument, Attorney Wells asserted that the burgess has the power to temporarily suspend a policeman as a disciplinary measure and the Civil Service commission has no jurisdiction to review the case.

Plays Banned



The U. S. military government in Berlin announced yesterday that the Russians have banned plays written by Thornton Wilder (above), American author, in their zone of Germany. The Russians said they objected to Wilder's glorification of the family in the play, "Our Town."

An opinion is expected from the court in the near future.

Three Organizations and Individual Member Affiliata With Council of Social Agencies

An individual member and three new organizations were added to the Pottstown Council of Social Agencies at a meeting in the Howard Johnson restaurant at noon yesterday.

Miss Edith I. Head, formerly associated with emergency service work in Pottstown, was the individual member invited to affiliate with the council. She was joined by the Veterans Administration contact office, the Pennsylvania State Employment service and the Pottstown Recreation commission in accepting membership in the group.

Francis Donnon, recreation director, was the guest speaker at the meeting. He outlined the past work of the Recreation commission and spoke of its plans for the coming year.

Donnon stressed the need for greater recreational facilities throughout the borough. He emphasized that the future program of the commission will stress the training of qualified leaders so that school facilities may be obtained for use during the winter.

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